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WEATHER FORECAST
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Barometer 29.84

April 7th, 1913, Temperature a.m. 71, p.m. 79; Humidity...83, 73.

April 7th, 1913, Temperature a.m. 68, p.m. 85; Humidity...89, 89.

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MONDAY, APRIL 7, 1913.

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TELEGRAMS.

THE BALKAN WAR.

WARSHIPS ASSEMBLING.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, April 5.

Instructions have been telegraphed to the respective warships of the Powers participating in the naval demonstration to proceed to Montenegro, and establish an effective blockade. Only Russia is standing out.

A message from Vienna reports that the six Austrian and two Italian warships which have been cruising four miles off Antivari since Wednesday joined the British warships on Thursday.

A Greek ship arrived at Antivari on Tuesday with 39,000 chests of ammunition and 23 Russian guns.

Roumania and Bulgaria. It is reported from St. Petersburg that the conference of Ambassadors has established a basis of settlement in the dispute between Roumania and Bulgaria. It will be announced simultaneously with the resumption of peace negotiations between Turkey and the Allies. The Bulgarian and Roumanian plenipotentiaries are leaving St. Petersburg.

Allies and Mediators. It is reported from Sofia that the Allies have accepted the mediation of the Powers with the following reservations:—

1.—The frontier of Thrace proposed by the Powers to be taken merely as a basis, and not as a definitive line.

2.—The Aegean Islands to be ceded to the Allies.

3.—The principle of a war indemnity to be admitted, the amount to be fixed by a Financial Commission on which the Allies shall be represented.

The Allies consider that they should know in advance the proposed frontiers of Albania, trusting that they will be in conformity with those proposed by the Allies in London.

The Allies agree to suspend operations directly the above conditions are favourably received and admitted.

Powers Insisted. A further telegram from Sofia states that a fresh demarche has been received from the Powers insisting on the Allies accepting the Enos-Midia line, all financial questions being reserved for a Technical Commission to meet in Paris.

Austria and Montenegro.

Later. Relations between Montenegro and Austria are still further strained by the latter's troops carrying out manoeuvres during the last two days close to the Montenegrin frontier. The Montenegrins regard this, in the present circumstances, as an act of provocation.

Naval Movements.

Later. H.M.S. King Edward and the French cruiser Edgar Quinet have joined the blockading squadron, which is commanded by a British Vice Admiral.

Reuter's correspondent at Berlin wires that two small cruisers from the High Seas Fleet have been ordered to be in readiness to sail for the Mediterranean to protect Germans in the Levant in view of the withdrawal of the Breslau which is "demonstrating" in the Adriatic.

Reuter's correspondent at Malta states that the destroyers Form and Jed are sailing, it is understood, for Corfu.

A message from Reuter's correspondent at Port Said states that the Turkish cruiser Hamidieh has arrived there.

The Powers' Advice.

As the result of a conference, the commanders of the blockading squadron have sent a telegram to the Montenegrin Government begging them to respect the unanimous decision of the Powers.

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SLAV DEMONSTRATION.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, April 7.

Reuter's correspondent at St. Petersburg wires that there was another great Slav demonstration yesterday. Tens of thousands of people, all of whom were orderly, paraded the city shouting "Down with Austria." They bore banners inscribed "Skutari for the Montenegrins" and others with a cross over the image of Saint Sophia. The police barred access to the German and Austrian Embassies, but there was enthusiasm outside the Bulgarian and Greek Legations and the Dowager Empress's residence.

Montenegrin Representations. Montenegro has made representations to the Austrian Legation regarding the manoeuvres on the frontier.

RECTOR'S REMARKABLE ACT.

BURNS DISESTABLISHMENT BILL.

London, April 7.

Remarkable scenes are reported from the village of Newmarket, Flintshire, where the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Jones, publicly burned a copy of the Welsh Disestablishment Bill before a large assembly from all parts of the country. He announced his intention of burning a further copy on the afternoon of the 10th inst. on the steps of St. Paul's Cathedral.

DOG SHOW FOR SHANGHAI.

Some Pertinent Suggestions.

The following letter has been sent to the "N. China Daily News." Sir—Your timely leaderette on the Hongkong Dog Show and "Old Calabar's" suggestion of a local exhibition will, it is to be hoped, awaken such interest among our many dog-owners that some practical scheme for the putting of the idea into effect may be at once forthcoming.

It may not be generally known that a dog show would be no novelty for Shanghai.

In May 1893 a show took place, but the exhibits only numbered forty-six. Nothing daunted, the projectors of that venture made a second attempt with the result that a really remarkable exhibition was held in the Race Course Grand Stand enclosure on May 22 of the following year. The show was called the Horse, Dog and Poultry Society's Show and in conjunction with the Horse Show, which still exists, there was a fine exhibition of dogs, poultry, pigeons and song birds.

The show generally, according to the newspapers of the day, was one of the most successful functions that Shanghai had ever witnessed. And what has been may well be again. Over 100 dogs were bequeathed, some birds in great numbers, from the powerful Tien-tsin lark and the full-voiced canary to the minutest specimens of Chinese bird life, vied with each other in filling the lower rooms of the Grand Stand with exhibitions of their talents, while sundry parrots and mynahs contributed their quota of vocalization. By no means an uninteresting feature of the show was the egg exhibit, where some wonderfully large specimens of the native product were on view, nine to the pound.

And the liberation by a native amateur of a fine flight of pigeons, to whose tails were affixed whistling instruments of wonderful size, and most ingenious make, which gave "music in the air," immeasurably sweeter and more varied than the plaintive whistle so familiar to the ear as the flock towards eventide, circles round

TELEGRAMS.

FOOTBALL.

ENGLAND BEATS SCOTLAND.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, April 6.

The Association match between England and Scotland, played at Chelsea, resulted in victory for the former by one goal to nil.

GERMANY'S THANKS.

London, April 5.

The German Government has thanked France for the courtesy shown to the men on board the captured Zeppelin airship.

the native farmstead, added not a little to the general interest in the proceedings of the day.

The judges received invaluable assistance from many ladies of whom some happily are still with us. Mrs. McBain assisted in judging the song birds and Mrs. Frank Maitland the toy dogs. The eggs were arranged by Mrs. Jenner Hogg and Mrs. A. P. Wood, sure guarantees of tasteful presentation, while other ladies rendered willing service.

The number of dogs has greatly increased in Shanghai of late years. Amongst pointers and spaniels there should be some fair specimens, likewise of the graceful setter, and terriers, both rough and smooth, should furnish full classes. Great Danes and Borzoi must not be forgotten nor the many pretty specimens of Dachshund. For the hunting up a goodly array of chow-would be forthcoming, while as for dogs of the toy descriptions, Japanese and Chinese, their name is very legion. The co-operation of the native sporting man might be relied upon. Many of them could exhibit capital pointers in enviable condition; and that again suggests the idea that special regard should be had and special points given for the condition in which the animals are shown.

There are in view, then, all the elements which would make for a successful show. What only remains now are the genius and energy to bring those elements together.

I am, etc.,

H. T. Wade.

Shanghai, March, 31.

FANCY DRESS DANCE.

At the City Hall on Saturday night a most successful fancy dress dance was given by the "Kowloon Grasshoppers." There were some 120 guests, and all spent a thoroughly gay and happy time. The music was supplied by the D. C. L. Orchestra, and the floors were in splendid condition, with the result that dancing was greatly enjoyed. There were 22 dances on the programme, including all the popular ones. Two prizes were offered for the best costumes and the judging was by ballot, the result being in favour of Miss Braga and Miss Jack, the former being prettily attired as a Turkish lady and the latter as an Old English Lady. There was a magnificent display of costumes, and the voting was very close. The dance terminated in the early hours of the morning, everybody voting the affair a great success from every point of view.

HARBOUR OFFENDERS.

At the Marine Court, this morning before Commander Basil Taylor, R.N., Ng I, a boatwoman was charged with plying for hire within 30 feet of H.M.S. Hampshire. She was fined \$5. Three cases were dealt with where boat people failed to exhibit the regulation light, between the hours of sunset and sunrise, and in each instance a fine of \$1 was imposed.

TELEGRAMS.

SUFFRAGE CRIMINALITY.

RACECOURSES ATTACKED.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, April 6.

Widespread suffragist militancy continues. The grandstand at Ayr Racecourse was ignited at midnight and gutted. There was a gale at the time, and the damage is estimated at three thousand pounds.

Two Suffragettes were caught red-handed at dawn, igniting the Kelso grandstand.

The windows of the Glasgow Labour Exchange were smashed, and there has been further cutting of telegraph and telephone wires.

THE BOAT RACE.

Oxford's Narrow Victory.

A better boat race, more full of racing excitement from start to finish, says the "Daily Mail" of March 14, was never rowed on the famous Thames course than the race which Oxford won by less than a length on the last day yesterday afternoon.

Although beaten, Cambridge came out of the race with honour. They rowed in fine form for the first three and a half miles. Then the handicap of the untrained men in the boat and superior strength and condition of the Oxonians told against them. The Light Blues were unable to respond to Mr. Horsfall's determined effort, and they lost after keeping the lead for four miles.

The wind was south-west, in favour of the crews at the start of the Surrey shore. The only rough water was at Chiswick. Cambridge won the toss and chose the Surrey station. The race was rowed on a fairly good, but not exceptionally fast tide.

A very level start was effected, Oxford rowing 21-38 and Cambridge 20-37 for the first half and full minute. Although rowing the slower stroke, Cambridge were the first to lead, their advantage being a third of a length at Craven Steps. Showing most promising form, Cambridge led by half a length at the Mile Post in 4 min. 12-sec. Oxford were not showing much life at this period, and Cambridge increased their lead to three-quarters of a length at Hammermith Bridge—time, 7-min. 40-sec.

Amid great enthusiasm Cambridge drew clear just by The Doves, both crews rowing 30. Above this point boats met a head wind and rough water. Cambridge showed good watermanship, and with the advantage of the inside station they stalled off an Oxford spurt and led by 1½ lengths at Chiswick Steps in 12 min. 31-sec. Cambridge increased the daylight between the boats on coming out for the shoot to Barnes Bridge.

Great Oxford Effort.

Just when Cambridge appeared to have victory well in sight, Oxford made a brilliant effort. It was at practically the same spot that Mr. Bourne made his wonderful spurt four years ago and cut down Mr. Stuart's crew, about 200 yards below Barnes Bridge. In less than a minute the Dark Blues gained half a length, and at Barnes Bridge—reached in 17 min. 21-sec.—the Cambridge lead had been reduced to a length.

It was obvious that the leaders had shot their bolt, and although Mr. Tower tried to rally his men, they were too tired to respond. Oxford found their best form and were a different crew. They backed up Mr. Horsfall with great determination in a spurt at 34. Opposite the lower end of Mortlake Brewery the boats were level, and amid tremendous excitement on the Oxford launchers, in which the Prince of Wales joined, Oxford went away at

TELEGRAMS.

U. S. TARIFFS.

50 PER CENT. REDUCTION.

Reuter's
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Reuter's correspondent at Washington says the Tariff Revision Bill will be introduced in the House of Representatives on Monday, the 7th inst.

The Report of the Ways and Means Committee recommends a reduction of 50 per cent. throughout. The new duties will be the lowest for half a century.

every stroke. Cambridge were a beaten crew, and Oxford won by three-quarters of a length in 20 min. 53-sec.

It was a great race between two crews not quite first-class. Oxford rowed moderately for three miles, failing to get a hard finish and working hard without much life and dash. Then they improved out of all knowledge, and earned the distinction of being the first crew for many years to win after being led well at Barnes Bridge. Mr. Horsfall's spurt was an effort that will be long remembered.

Cambridge rowed quite as well as could be expected after many changes. They were beaten by the superior strength and condition of their rivals. Mr. Tower stroked the boat admirably; in fact the four men at the stroke end of the boat all did well. Messrs. Fisher and Roper—the new men in the boat—were rowed out before the finish, and Mr. Askwith also failed to stay.

Mr. William Stevens, of Hammermith W., who is eighty, saw his fifty-third consecutive boat-race.

POOR JUDGES.

Thieves Who Left Valuable Articles Untouched.

Three Chinese were brought before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning, charged with being concerned in breaking and entering the stores of Messrs Komor and Komor, and stealing three packing cases valued at \$6.

P. C. Grimmit captured two of the defendants at seven o'clock on Sunday morning, with the cases in their possession. They told him that the third defendant gave them the key of the stores but that was found to be untrue.

The first two defendants were sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment and four hours' stocks, and the third defendant was discharged.

Strange to say, the defendants did not attempt to steal any of the valuable curios.

Revolver Possession.

A Chinese found in unlawful possession of a revolver on the Praya, was fined \$50, by M. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning.

Obstruction. A fine of \$7, or in default fourteen days, was imposed on a Chinese who caused an obstruction at West Point, by Mr. Hazeland, at the Police Court, this morning.

Singapore Republicans.

The formation of a branch of the Chinese Republican Party in Singapore, in accordance with instructions from Vice-President Li Yuen-hung of the Chinese Republic, has been completed. It includes among its members most of the leading Chinese merchants. The party has for its special object to draw the Chinese overseas into closer union with those of their fatherland. The members are now busy making preparations to hold the opening celebrations, at the registered office No. 45, Robinson Road.

TELEGRAMS.

THE TRIPOLI WAR.

ITALY'S LOSSES.

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A revised official list published in Rome gives the number of Italians killed in the war in Tripoli as 92 officers and 1,391 men.

NEW C.P.R. STEAMER.

Empress of Russia Leaves for Hongkong.

We have received from the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. advice of the departure from Liverpool, on 1st April, of the R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" on her maiden trip to the Far East to take up her regular berth on the Hongkong-Vancouver run. The steamer has on board 152 first class passengers booked by the Company for the Around the World tour. Calls will be made at Mediterranean ports and at Colombo and Singapore before reaching Hongkong 5th May, when, no doubt, arrangements will be made by the Company to enable the public to view this interesting ship, of a type new to the Far East.

The "Empress of Russia" and her sister ship "Empress of Asia", vessels of 10,850 tons gross, 34,000 tons displacement, are driven by Parsons turbines, their quadruple screws enabling them to maintain a speed of 20 knots per hour.

SOLICITOR'S SUIT.

This morning Mr. J. H. Gardiner, solicitor, sued Yang Sing name, trading as the Hang Kee, Yo Praya East, in the Summary Court, before Mr. Justice Kemp, to recover the sum of \$100, for work done by the plaintiff as the defendant's solicitor, for the defendant, and on his request.

Mr. Crowther Smith appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Otto Kong Sing for the defence. Judgment was given, by consent, for the plaintiff with costs, with a stay of execution until Thursday.

FINED \$340.

At the Police Court, this morning, before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, a Chinese was charged by Lance Sergeant Wille with being in unlawful possession of 21 tablets of opium dross, at the Kowloon railway station.

A fine of \$340 or in default two months' imprisonment was imposed.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

TELEGRAMS.

THE NEWS CONDENSED.

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LOCAL.

The bank note case entered upon its last stage this morning.

Four cases of bubonic plague were notified as occurring in the Colony last week.

The opening of the season at the Kowloon Bowling Green took place on Saturday.

Some interesting historical facts regarding the Clock Tower appear in a special article published to-day.

Particulars of the great fire at Shanghai are given in this issue. The damage will probably amount to £400,000.

Staff and Departmentals met Hongkong B. team on Saturday, and a draw resulted. A.A. Claxton and Major Bowen each scored a century.

The new C.P.R. steamer, Empress of Russia, has left Liverpool for Hongkong. She is to take up a regular berth on the Hongkong-Vancouver run.

A man has been arrested in possession of the watch taken from Miss Dunk, the lady missionary who was on the Tai On when the vessel was pirated.

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TO-DAY.

Bijou 9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre 9.15 p.m.
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TO-MORROW.

Bijou 9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre 9.15 p.m.
Bandmann Opera Co., Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.

Wednesday April 16th
Meeting Union Insurance Society of Canton, noon.
China Traders Insurance Co. Ltd., 12.15 p.m.

Extraordinary General Meeting. Royal Hongkong Golf Club 7.50 p.m.

Saturday April 19th
Annual Meeting Olympic Tennis Club.
First Gymkhana Meeting. Hongkong Jockey Club, half yearly meeting 12.30 p.m.

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OUR
CONTEMPORARIES.

Daily Press.

The Hukuang Railway.
It was recently announced that
arrangements had been definitely
settled for financing the Hukuang
Railway under the agreement en-
tered into in 1911 between
the Chinese Government of the
day and an international com-
bination of financiers representing
America, Great Britain, Germany
and France. The agreement
provided for a 5 per cent. sinking
fund loan of \$8,000,000, of which
five and a half millions were to
be used for the construction (a)
of a Government railway main
line from Wuohang through
Yoshow and Changsha, to a point
in the district of Yichang-hsien,
on the southern boundary of
Hunan, connecting with the
Kwantung section of the Canton-
Hankow Railway; and (b) of a
Government railway main line
from Kuanghsui in Hupeh, to
Tchang and thence to Kueichow-
fu in Szechuen, to be known as
the "Hupei Section" of the "Ez-
chuan-Hankow Railway." We in
South China are more particularly
interested in the line which is to
run from Canton to Hankow, a
distance of 750 miles, and we
welcome this definite evidence of
a determination on the part of the
Chinese Government to push on
with an undertaking, the import-
ance of which as a factor in the
economic development of China
cannot be exaggerated.

South China Morning Post.

The Near East.

There will be hours of anxiety
in many chancelleries, and the
seeds of dissatisfaction may be
sown because the victorious
may deem that their reward
is not commensurate with
their achievements. But, at the
moment, the one great cloud
which must be dispelled is the
obstinate action of Montenegro,
counting as she does on the active
support and sympathy of Serbia.
In this matter the Powers are
actuated by one impulse—one
motive, and it is to be hoped they
will not only succeed in insisting
on compliance with their behests
but will continue to make peace
triumphant in wide areas distract-
ed and devastated by warfare.
Moved by unity of purpose they
can impose their will upon the
wrangling States, and see that it
is respected for many years to
come. Montenegro has to raise
the challenge to her lips and drink—
though the poison be gall and
wormwood. The higher interests
of humanity have now to be
served.

China Mail.

Multiple-Gun Turrets in
Warships.

The French authorities have
decided to adopt four guns in each
turret in their four ships of the
Normandie class, which are to be
put on the stocks in the course to
the present year; and this type
also is illustrated in "Engineer-
ing." The French battleships
are to be 674 ft. in length, 88 ft.
7 in breadth, with a displace-
ment of 25,200 tons on a 28-ft.
3-in. draught. The armament
is to consist of twelve 83,386-in.
guns, mounted in three quad-
ruple axial turrets; twenty-four
5.512-in. guns in the central
citadel; four 1,850-in. guns on
the top of the latter in the centre
of the ship, two on each side; and
six under-water torpedo launch-
ing-tubes. The propelling ma-
chinery will consist of the
reciprocating engines driving the
outer propellers, and exhausting
into two Parsons turbine sets,
these latter driving the inner
propellers. The steam will be
generated by small-tube boilers.
The ships will have two rudders,
and are designed for a speed of
21 knots.

Mosquito Killing in Manila.

The Manila bureau of health
has protested against the pay-
ment of P.800 a month made by
the city as its contribution toward
the anti-mosquito campaign. The
bureau claims that the work is
costing P.2,051 a month and that
the city government should pay
more than it does as its share
of the burden. The city replies that
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GENERAL NEWS.

Treasure Trove in Perak.

The attention of the Perak public is being drawn to the Perak Order in Council of July 11, 1888, which reads as follows:—"It is hereby notified that any person making the discovery of any treasure, curiosities or other articles of scientific value, of which the ownership is unknown must bring the circumstances to the notice of Government in order that, should it be considered advisable, they may be secured for the Government museum, and the Government will pay to the finder of such things as it may select the actual value of the articles, and, in addition, a liberal remuneration for the trouble and expense incurred in complying with this order. All Penghulus and other officers of the Government are expected to carry out this order, under a penalty in proportion to the value of the articles."

A Man-Eater.

A man-eating tiger lately made itself the terror of the villagers at Bin Kluei, Ban Hua Salow, Wang Yang and Wang Kon Thi in the district of Kampeng Phet in the Monthon of Nakorn Sawan, Siam. Between January and February it had accounted for five persons, three men and two women. The villagers left their houses at night and slept out in their boats. The Kha Luang gave orders that the villagers should join in effecting the destruction of the man-eater and in the second week of February the tiger was seen by a villager of Ban Kluei in the act of devouring a dog it had killed. The man fired, hitting the tiger, which rolled over, but got away before a second shot. Two days later a Borneo Company's boat engaged in the tank trade found the dead body of the tiger and brought it down to the town. The man who shot the tiger got a reward of Tca. 400.

Madras Penitentiary Riot

Nineteen convicts concerned in the riot in the Madras Penitentiary at the end of the past year have been tried on various charges before the High Court at the Criminal Sessions. Mr. Justice Oldfield passed the following sentences:—Andee Baig, first accused, to ten years' rigorous imprisonment on all counts. The second accused, Kammala Kandam, was sentenced to 8½ years' rigorous imprisonment on all charges. Accused No. 4 was sentenced to three years in aggregate, and accused No. 5 was given seven years under Sections 148, 324 and 307 of the Indian Penal Code. Accused Nos. 3, 7 and 10 were given three years each under Section 148 of the I.P.C. Only six accused, who were found not guilty, were acquitted. The prisoners, as they were about to be marched out, wanted His Lordship to pass an order directing that they might be transferred to another jail and not be kept in the Penitentiary. His Lordship remarked that Captain Cameron, the superintendent, was not likely to want the men in his jail, and they had better apply to Government for a transfer.

Sir Thomas Chavasse.

Sir Thomas Chavasse, for many years past one of the leading members of the medical profession in the Midlands, died suddenly at his residence, Barnet Green, near Birmingham, following a fall in the hunting field. The mishap occurred last December. Sir Thomas was apparently making a good recovery from the effects of a fractured thigh when he had a relapse, and succumbed to heart failure. Sir Thomas was one of six sons of Dr. T. Chavasse of Wyde Green, another being the present Bishop of Liverpool. The young doctor steadily advanced to a foremost position in the ranks of surgeons, and the Birmingham General Hospital had the full benefit of his eminent services as hon. surgeon for over thirty years, this being recognised within the past few weeks by a presentation. Sir Thomas was an active politician, and for a number of years past, had been chairman of the Liberal Unionist Association in the constituency for which Mr. Auston Chamberlain sits, East Worcestershire. He was in his fifty-ninth year. His wife, the only daughter of Mr. Arthur Byland, survives him, and he also leaves a son and three daughters.

SERVICE MATTERS.

Rear-Admiral Patey.

It is stated that Rear-Admiral G. E. Patey, M.V.O., has been selected for the appointment of first Admiral in Command of the Australian Navy, and will fly his flag in the battleship Australia, which is now at Devonport. It is understood that the change will take place next July, when Admiral Sir George F. King-Hall will relinquish his appointment, the tenure of which has been extended to meet the special circumstances. Rear-Admiral Patey was born in February, 1859, the son of the late Capt. G. E. Patey, R.N., and served as a naval cadet and midshipman in the Northumberland, January, 1874, and Black Prince, July, 1875, successive flagships of the second-in-command of the Channel squadron (first Rear-Admiral Hancock, and later Lord John Hay). He was a midshipman and acting sub-lieutenant in the Shah, flagship of Rear-Admiral De Horsey on the Pacific station from August, 1876, to December, 1878, when she was relieved by the Triumph. He thus took part in the famous engagement with the semi-piratical Peruvian ironclad Huascar off Ylo, May, 1877. On the voyage home, in 1879, the Shah was temporarily attached to the Cape of Good Hope station during the Zulu war, for which acting-Sub-Lieut. Patey received the medal. In his examinations for the rank of lieutenant he obtained first in seamanship and gunnery, and was appointed to the gunboat Zephyr, on the China station, October, 1880. He was promoted to lieutenant in August, 1881, and transferred to the Iron Duke, flagship of Sir George Willies, Commander-in-Chief on the station, in which ship he returned to England in May, 1883. In the following September he joined the Excellent to qualify as a gunnery lieutenant, the establishment being at this period under the command of Capt. (now Lord) Fisher, with the present Sir Charles Drury as commander. On completing the course he was appointed a junior staff officer of the Cambridge, at Devonport, for service in the Foudroyant and Perseus, May, 1885. He was gunnery lieutenant of the Sappho, on the China station, from June, 1886, to January, 1888, when he was selected to fill a similar post in the Audacious, flagship of Sir Nowell Salmon, Commander-in-Chief on the same station. He returned home in her at the beginning of 1889, and in the February following was again appointed to the Cambridge, this time as senior staff officer. He left her in February, 1892, to become gunnery lieutenant of the Royal Sovereign, flagship successively of Vice-Admirals Fairfax and Fitzroy in the Channel squadron (of which Sir C. Drury was captain for part of the time), and was advanced to commander from her at the end of 1894. He was commander of the Barfleur, Capt. Reginald Custance, on the Mediterranean and China stations, from February, 1895, to September, 1893 (including the Cretan insurrection), and returned home with his captain and the rest of the ship's company in the Blenheim. He was attached to the Naval Intelligence Department, of which Capt. Custance was director, from February to December, 1899, when he was promoted to captain. After an interval of half-pay he returned to the Admiralty as assistant-director of naval intelligence, May, 1901, and when Rear-Admiral Custance hoisted his flag in the Venerable as second-in-command in the Mediterranean, November, 1902, he accompanied him as flag-captain. He was invested with the M.V.O. on the occasion of King Edward's visit to Naples in April, 1903, and with the Order of the Redeemer by the King of Greece the same year. He reverted to half-pay on Sir Reginald hauling down his flag in October, 1904. In November, 1907, he was appointed to the Impregnable, at Devonport, as inspecting captain of boys training ships, and reached flag rank at the New Year, 1909, being relieved by Capt. Savory a month later. He has since been employed as rear-admiral in the second battle squadron, October, 1910, to October, 1911.

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CHINGFORD RESERVOIR.

Big Engineering Work Opened By The King.

The Chingford reservoir, which has just been opened by the King, is regarded as one of the greatest water engineering feats of modern times. The reservoir is probably the largest of the artificial type in England. Many difficulties have been encountered during the construction, but these have been successfully overcome. The river Lea and minor streams which flowed through the site of the reservoir had to be diverted, and a new channel substituted for the old river course. Excavations had to be made below the bottom of the valley to enable a perfectly watertight wall of puddle clay to be joined to an impervious stratum. The reservoir covers an area of 416 acres, and is protected by four and a half miles of embankment. This has been formed of material excavated from within the reservoir, and it contains 2,000,000 cubic yards of earthwork and 253,000 cubic yards of puddle. The summit is 15ft. wide and 5ft. above top water.

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The reservoir outlet is at the south-east corner, where the water will pass through two shafts, controlled by valves, and connected by a tunnel in the London clay. The valve-houses on the outlet shafts, which are 70ft. deep, have been constructed on concrete with domed roofs. An inner shaft has been connected with the reservoir embankment by a reinforced concrete bridge, 6ft. wide between the parapets and 20 ft. in span.

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A Japanese Marriage.

A Tokio Geisha girl named Manrio, who is recognized as the most beautiful girl that modern Japan has known, is shortly to be married to a student at the Tokio Imperial University essay the "Kobe Herald." The bridegroom-to-be, is Mr. Tsunekawa Yoichiro, the 26 year-old son of Dr. Tsunekawa, of the Yokohama Dockyard Co. Some time in October in 1910, when the scenery of Hakone was at the best, the fair Manrio was staying at the Fakedzumi Hotel, in Hakone, and saw her future husband. One night a terrible storm took place, followed by floods, a number of guests in the hotel were in danger of being drowned. Mr. Tsunekawa, at imminent risk of his life, so the story goes, rescued Manrio and took her to a place of safety. After they had returned to the Capital, the two young people fell in love, and the happy bridegroom has consented to pay a fee of ¥10,000 to free the girl from her present position. The announcement of the forthcoming marriage is reported to have caused many a heartburning, among the young "sparks" in Tokio.

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THE SHANGHAI FIRE.

Full Story of the Great Blaze.

The disastrous fire which occurred at the wharf and godowns of Messrs. Melchers & Co. at Pootung last Saturday night is probably the greatest ever experienced here, says the "N. China Daily News." In spectacular effect it is certainly without parallel; and at one period of the conflagration the whole of the shipping on that side of the river was endangered, while serious loss of life was only avoided by the narrowest of margins.

The outbreak originated at the rear part of a godown forming a huge block, and specially constructed for the storage of inflammable cargo. Stored away in the buildings was an immense quantity of paraffin wax, used in the manufacture of Price's candles, wood oil, hemp, grain, general cargo, and machinery packed in cases. Up to the time of the outbreak men are said to have been working in the godown.

Immediately on the outbreak being detected, about 10.15 p.m., the alarm was given and assistance was summoned from Shanghai. Those on the spot could do very little to prevent the flames getting a strong hold on the buildings, and as events turned out, the whole of the available fire-fighting force was practically helpless in the face of the alarming dimensions which the outbreak soon assumed.

Brigades to the Rescue.
At the earliest possible moment, the Fire Brigade, was at work. The godowns were burning fiercely

float and two or three launches, and a number of sampans. Their position was in an instant changed from one of security to extreme danger. An officer gave the signal summoning all hands to the boats, and the bugles had scarcely sounded when another rush of flame inspired a unanimous rush for the boats. There was no time for selection; sailors, firemen, and civilians, of whom altogether there must have been between 150 and 200, jumped into the nearest available boat and got away.

The Newcastle's pinnace was actually caught by the flames but these were quickly extinguished as she steamed away. The retreat was made not a moment too soon, the boats being just beyond the danger zone when flames shot up from end to end of the jetty, while the surface of the water for a distance of fifty yards round was transformed into a sheet of flame.

A Terrible Tragedy.

In full view of some hundreds of spectators two sampans men suffered a terrible death. With their boats tied to the jetty they were one moment in a perfectly secure position and in the next were in the midst of a terrifying mass of flame. They had scarcely time in which to realize their danger. From the moment that they began a wild attempt to work their sampans through the thick layer of tallow their position was hopeless. While they moved an inch the flames came forward a foot, first from their rear, and finally approaching them from all sides.

Vessel in Danger.

The fire had now been raging for over two hours, and now all attempts to save the property on land had to be abandoned. The main buildings, the bridge, the jetty, and a great stretch of water presented an appalling picture of flame, giving off a sullen, consistent sound like the wash of a tremendous tide, while frequent explosions and the crash of falling walls made the effect still more impressive.

A new danger had now to be met. The burning oil began to drift down the river, and the first thing realized was that about a hundred lighters and sampans moored between Melchers' jetty and the next lower down were doomed. On many of these whole families were housed. The danger was quite unprepared for, and when it became necessary to abandon their boats on the instant not a few of them were loath to leave behind all their belongings. It was only with the greatest difficulty that some of them were got away. One man, calmly smoking a cigarette, would not move until the flames were within a few feet of him, and even then any efforts of his own would have been futile. As it was he was directly in the wake of a large steamer which was being hurriedly towed away, and the force of the movement of the water drew his little craft with the larger vessel.

Drifting Boats.

The whole line of these small boats went up in the flames, and they began to drift, adding a new danger to the shipping lying about already preparing to meet the grave risks which the burning tallow floating down stream set up. The Mei Lee which had been lying alongside Melchers' jetty, directly in front of the line which the fire took, was got into a safe position only a few minutes after the destruction of the jetty. Two Japanese boats had also to be towed out of the danger zone.

On the men-of-war in the centre of the river five calls were sounded and the men stood by with their appliances, while, in some, pumps were set to work and streams of water directed on to the surface of the river to clear away the gathering oil and tallow. The same course was adopted for the cargo boats, and meanwhile the fire floats successfully dealt with the drifting patches of fire and the abandoned sampans and lighters which had started erratic courses down stream and appeared likely to cause further trouble.

At one time the wharf frontage for a quarter of a mile was almost hidden behind the flames rising from the water, and although in appearance the effect was startling, not a great deal of damage was done, the fire being confined to the water and not, as

being allowed to take a good hold on any of the lower jetties.

Coal Stores Alight.

On land, fresh impetus to the blaze was given by the inclusion of several huge stacks of coal, of which there was an unusual quantity at the wharf in consequence of two steamers having discharged cargo on Friday. Here splendid work was done by the brigade, and though at one time the blaze from the stacks assumed big proportions, it was successfully fought and the damage in this direction minimized, after a couple of hours of strenuous work.

Thanks to the excellent operations of the fireboats all danger to the shipping was averted, and by about 2 a.m. there were signs that the fire in the godowns was losing force. It continued to burn for some hours afterwards, but without danger to the adjoining premises.

What was the Origin?

The cause of the outbreak cannot yet be definitely stated. Several theories are current one that sparks from the oil mill next to the godown set the roof of No. C3 alight; a second that the fire was caused through the upsetting of a lamp by one of the men at work in the godown where the tallow was stored; and another that the upsetting of a lamp in a cook's kitchen was responsible for the blaze. With reference to the second, it may be stated that the lamps used are safety of a special type. The damage remains to be accurately estimated. It will probably amount to about £400,000, and the loss is covered by insurance. That on the tallow alone amounts to £21,000, being distributed in the following offices: Union of London, (Messrs. Dodwell & Co.), £12,000; the North British, (Messrs. Gibb Livingstone & Co.), £8,000; and £3,000 in a company for which Messrs. Arnold, Karberg & Co. are agents.

Beyond the two cases described, nothing is known as to the loss of life, although the circumstances were such that it would seem highly probable that more Chinese lost their lives. In the glare of lights and prevailing excitement very possibly there were accidents to sampans crossing and re-crossing the river, one or two cases coming to notice in which these small craft escaped running down by a hair's breadth.

Later.

To the list of landing parties from the men-of-war who gave an excellent account of themselves must be added the party sent ashore from the Dutch cruiser Holland. In order to avoid confusion of command they placed themselves under the direction of the Captain of the Newcastle. They were at work on the scene as long as any of the sailors, and their commanding officer did not leave the fire until 7 a.m.

The members of the Shanghai Fire Brigade present did not relinquish their work in some cases until 7.30 p.m. on Sunday night, continuing their labours with the object of saving the large quantity of coal which was still threatened. After this hour the Customs were left to complete the salvage. The Central Companies, Nos. 1 and 4 had turned out to the fire in full upon the first alarm; and in addition there were also members from No. 2 and No. 7 who assisted in the work done.

With the Malay States Guides.

Captain Cargill is back again in Taiping for another year with the Malay States Guides. He is relieving Captain Prince, who will go home on leave for about a year with his wife. Upon the return of Captain Prince, Captain Cargill will leave the Guides and rejoin his regiment in India. Mrs. Cargill meantime is staying with her parents, Sir Ernest and Lady Birch, in London.

Captain E. P. C. Back, R.N., Admiral Sir George Egerton, who has succeeded Sir William May as Commander-in-Chief at Devonport, has appointed Captain E. P. C. Back to be his flag-captain. Captain Back not long since relinquished command of the Leviathan, flagship of the old Training Squadron. He served with the Naval Brigade in the South African War, and obtained mention in despatches on several occasions.

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Britomart	Gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Com. W. H. Darwell	Yangtze
Cadmus	British sloop	1,070	6	1,400	Comdr. H. Williams	Shanghai
Cherub	Water tank and tug	300	—	300	Master H. Smith	Hongkong
Clio	British sloop	1,070	6	1,400	Comdr. Mackenzie, D.S.O.	Hongkong
Fame	Torpedo-boat destroyer	360	6	5,700	Lt.-Com. Wilkinson	Hongkong
Flora	2nd class cruiser	4,350	10	7,000	Capt. O. F. Corbett, V.O.	Shanghai
Handy	Torpedo-boat destroyer	295	6	4,000	Lt.-Com. F. G. Brickenden	West River
Janus	Torpedo-boat destroyer	280	6	3,000	Lt.-Com. Boddam Whetham	Hongkong
Kent	1st class cruiser	9,000	14	22,000	Capt. Allen T. Hunt, O.S.I.	Hongkong
Kinsha	River gunboat	616	4	1,200	Lt.-Com. H. Marryatt	Yangtze
Merlin	Surveying ship	1,040	—	—	Capt. F. C. O. Pasco	Hongkong
Minotaur	1st class cruiser	14,800	—	27,000	Capt. G. O. Cayley	Hongkong
Monmouth	1st class cruiser	9,800	—	22,000	Capt. B. H. F. Bartolot	Hongkong
Moorhen	River gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Com. Alan Dixon	Hongkong
newcastle	2nd class cruiser	4,800	12	22,000	Capt. Frederick A. Powlett	Hongkong
Nightingale	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. M. Murray	Yangtze
Otter	Torpedo-boat	385	6	6,300	Lt.-Com. E. T. R. Chambers	Canton
Ribble	Torpedo-boat destroyer	500	—	7,500	Lt.-Com. E. J. G. Mackinnon	Hongkong
Robin	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. Nash	West River
Rosario	Depotship for Submarines	980	—	1,400	Lt.-Comdr. N. E. Archdale	Hongkong
Sandpiper	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. I. S. Hutton	Yangtze
Snake	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. Maurice Leslie	Yangtze
Taku	Torpedo-boat destroyer	350	6	6,000	Gunner W. H. Ryder	Hongkong
Tamar	Receiving ship	4,650	6	—	Lt.-Com. H. Anstruther, O.M.G.	Hongkong
Teal	River gunboat	180	2	800	Com. R. Hon. Guy Steford	Yangtze
Thistle	Gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Com. H. R. M. Cotrell	Yangtze
Uak	Torpedo-boat destroyer	500	—	7,500	Lt.-Comdr. Maxwell	Canton
Virago	Torpedo-boat destroyer	355	6	6,300	Lt.-Com. H. D. Adair-Hall	Hongkong
Welland	Torpedo-boat destroyer	590	—	7,500	Com. Seymour	Hongkong
Whiting	Torpedo-boat destroyer	360	6	5,900	Com. R. Neville	Hongkong
Widgeon	Gunboat	195	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. J. C. Borrett	Upper Yangtze
Woodcock	Gunboat	150	2	500	Lt.-Com. M. B. Blackwood	Yangtze
Woodlark	Gunboat	150	2	500	Lt.-Comdr. Lloyd	Shanghai
O. 36.	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. Godfrey Herbert	Hongkong
O. 37.	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. A. A. L. Fenner	Hongkong
O. 38.	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. J. R. A. Codrington	Hongkong
T.B. 035.	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. Handley	West River
T.B. 036.	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. Stileman	Hongkong
T.B. 037.	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. Nicol	Hongkong
T.B. 038.	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. H. W. Seymour	Hongkong

* Flagship of Admiral Sir A. L. Winsloe, K.C.B., C.V.O., C.M.G. Commander-in-Chief.

FOREIGN MEN-OF-WAR ON THE CHINA AND JAPAN STATION.

Kaiser Franz	Joseph I	Armoured cruiser	4,000	45	8,000	Capt. Hanta	Shanghai
French.							
Dupleix	**	Armoured cruiser	10,014	30	20,000	Capt. Vergos	Shanghai
Kleber		Armoured cruiser	9,700	12	19,800	Capt. Gourts	Hongkong
Decidee		Gunboat	645	10	1,000	Lieut. Vandier	Saigon
Argus		River gunboat	180	6	570	Lieut. Dordet	Canton
Vigilante		Gunboat	123	7	600	Lieut. de Jervillier	Canton
Peiho		Gunboat	130	—	—	Lieut. Collin	Tongku
Dondard de Lagree		Gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. Dupuy Duteemps	Tchong-kin
** Flagship of Rear-Admiral Colloch de Kerillis, Commander-in-Chief, the French China Station.							
Lynx		Submarine	—	—	—	Lieut. Balaix	Saigon
Protee		Submarine	—	—	—	—	Saigon
Syr	*	Armoured gunboat	1,798	10	1,700	Lieut. Guillaume-Louis	Saigon
Fronde		Destroyer	350	7	303	Lieut. Aurillac	Saigon
d'Iberville		Destroyer	—	—	—	Capt. de Frigate Ronisen	Hongkong
Pistolet		Destroyer	130	7	300	Comdr. de Marquessac	Saigon
Mousquet		Destroyer	307	6	300	—	Saigon
Manche		Surveying ship	1,625	10	9,000	Com. Voisin	Saigon
* Flagship of Commodore Boucaut, Commanding the local defence Indo-China.							
German.							
Emden		Cruiser	3,600	22	13,500	Capt. v. Restorff	Swatow
Gneisenau		Armoured cruiser	11,600	36	26,000	Captain Bruninghaus	Tsingtau
Itia		Gunboat	900	12	1,300	Comdr. v. Gohren	Shanghai
Jaguar		Gunboat	900	12	1,300	Comdr. Vanselow	Tsingtau
Leipzig		Cruiser	3,250	24	11,000	Capt. Behncke	Tsingtau
Luchs		Gunboat	900	10	1,350	Comdr. Bendemann	Tsingtau
Nurnburg		Cruiser	3,400	22	13,200	Capt. Moraberg	Tsingtau
Otter		River gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Lieut. Fille	Yangtze
Scharnhorst		Flagship	11,600	36	26,000	Capt. Rosing	Shanghai
S. 90		Torpedo-boat	400	8	6,500	Capt. Lt. Berrenberg	Tsingtau
Tiger		Torpedo-boat	280	4	6,000	Obt. z. S. Olaszen	Tsingtau
Tsingtau		Gunboat	900	10	1,350	Comdr. Becker	Tsingtau
Vaterland		River gunboat	223	4	1,300	Capt. Lt. Frhr. Speth v. Schulzberg	Canton
Calabria		Italian cruiser	2,145	—	—	Com. Sommi Picenardi	Shanghai
Portuguese.							
Adamastor		Cruiser	1,757	—	—	Capt. Anibal de S. Dias	Macao
Macao		Gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Martins	Macao
Patria		Gunboat	700	—	—	Capt. Jose de Carvalho Orato	Macao

UNITED STATES VESSELS ATTACHED TO ASIATIC STATION.

A-2	Submarine	—	—	—	Ensign J. McC. Murray	Cavite
A-4	—	—	—	—	Lieut. E. D. McWhorter	—
A-6	—	—	—	—	Ensign J. C. Van de Carr	—
A-7	—	—	—	—	Ensign C. M. Yates	—
Albany	Protected cruiser	3,430	10	7,500	Commander M. L. Bristol	Cruising
Bainbridge	Torpedo-boat des.	420	7	8,000	Ensign H. M. Jones	Cavite
Barry	Torpedo-boat des.	420	7	8,000	Lieut. R. Hill	—
Callao	Gunboat	243	8	250	Ensign W. L. Haiberg	Canton
Chauncey	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Lieut. F. J. Fletcher	Cavite
Cincinnati	Protected cruiser	3,183	11	10,000	Com. S. S. Robinson	Cruising
Dale	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Lieut. O. A. Woodruff	Cavite
Decatur	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Lieut. B. H. Green	—
Elcano	Gunboat	620	4	600	Lt. Com. V. S. Gannon	Shanghai
Helena	Gunboat	1,302	8	1,988	Com. G. R. Mayall	Shanghai
Mohican	Station ship	1,900	6	1,100	Lieut. R. V. Lowe	Cavite
Monadnock	Monitor	3,090	6	3,000	Lieut. E. P. Swaz	Olongapo
Monterey	Monitor	4,084	4	5,277	Com. J. V. Chase	—
Pampanga	Gunboat	243	8	—	Lieut. B. B. Taylor	Cavite
Piscataqua	Sea going tug	854	2	1,650	Lieut. S. W. Wallace	Canton
Pompey	Repair ship	3,085	—	—	Lieut. W. O. Wallace	Cavite
Queros	Cruiser	350	2	208	Lieut. J. J. Hannigan	Shanghai
Rainbow	Gunboat	4,800	14	1,300	Lt. Com. D. W. Wurtzbaugh	Swatow
Samar	Gunboat	243	8	250	Lieut. G. C. Dickman	Shanghai
Saratoga	Cruiser	8,115	14	17,401	Commander H. A. Wiley	Swatow
Villalobos	Gunboat	370	9	208	Lieut. E. Durr	Shanghai
Wilmington	Gunboat	1,392	8	1,894	Commander J. F. Hubbard	Hongkong
Wompatuck	Tug	462	—	650	Chief Boatswain E. E. Radcliffe	Olongapo

* U.S.S. Saratoga Flagship Rear-Admiral B. F. Nicholson, Commander-in-Chief, United States Asiatic Fleet, temporarily.

SERDANG (SUMATRA) RUBBER.

Resolutions for Winding-up Carried on a Poll.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Serdang (Sumatra) Rubber and Produce Estates, Limited, was held on March 4, at the London Chamber of Commerce, Oxford Court, Cannon-street, E.C., to consider resolutions for the voluntary winding-up of the company.

Mr. John Hay, who presided, said that, owing to the tobacco crop of the year before last turning out a disastrous failure, and resulting in a loss upon their expectations of between £3,000 and £10,000, they found it necessary to raise a certain amount of money. He was deputised by his co-directors to do this, and was successful in arranging for an advance of £6,000, so as to give them time to reorganise, if possible, the finances of the company. After considering various propositions they were successful in making an arrangement with the United Serdang Company for amalgamation. They had hoped to get a little better terms than they did, but they took into consideration the fact that the United Serdang Company was the premier company of Sumatra, and that, by allying themselves to that company, they not only put the shareholders in the position of getting a dividend from the start of the amalgamation, but with a great prospect of an increase in the value of the shares. Their shares then stood in the neighbourhood of 5s. per share. The result of their negotiations was that they received 10s. per share in shares of the United Serdang Company at a lower price than they were then quoted in the market. The arrangements necessitated their finding a certain sum of money, as the United Serdang Company undertook to give the shareholders of the Serdang Sumatra Company the benefit of their dividends for the year commencing September 1, so that they had got practically six months accrued dividend at the present time. In addition, the United Serdang undertook to pay them the sum of £2,322 in cash, together with any money they might expend upon the rubber part of the business as from November 1, last year. In order to carry that on, they had to arrange another advance and he succeeded in getting a further £1,250. In all they really had an advance of about £7,100. It took some considerable time to get the transfer of the property through, but that had been successfully accomplished. The board came to the conclusion it would be better to liquidate the company and distribute the shares to the shareholders, because by that means they would be able to save £200 in stamps. With regard to the £2,322 which they received from the United Serdang Company, they had utilised the whole of that in paying off a part of their loan, together with a small sum of £125 which they received from their tobacco, so that their loan stood to-day at £4,030, instead of £7,000.

The Directors' Compensation. He understood that some objection had been raised to the amount of compensation which it was proposed should be paid to the directors, but he thought the proposals made were reasonable. Each of the other directors had agreed, however, to waive one year of their remuneration proposed in the resolution as printed in the circular. He concluded by moving the following resolutions (1) "That the company be wound up voluntarily, and that John Hay and Thomas Pragg, both of 165, Fenchurch Street, in the City of London, be and they are hereby appointed joint liquidators for the purposes of such winding up." (2) "That the said liquidators be, and they are hereby, authorised, to pay out of the funds of the company to the chairman a sum equivalent to two years' fees as chairman and to each of the three other directors a sum equivalent to one year's fees as directors in addition to the proportion of fees due to them, respectively, at the date of such winding up." (3) "That the said liquidators be, and they are hereby, authorised to pay out of the

funds of the company to Messrs. Hay and Co., commercial agents and secretaries of the company, such sum as shall be equivalent to the remuneration due to them under their unexpired agreement with the company, Messrs. Hay & Co. undertaking to pay thereout all costs and expenses incident to the winding up and dissolution of the company, including the remuneration of the liquidators, but excluding stamp duties, legal expenses, printing, and other out of pocket expenses."

Mr. C.F. Deane-Drake seconded the resolutions.

A discussion followed, in course of which shareholders objected to the amount of the directors' compensation.

Mr. Walmesley said that, at the risk of appearing a little ungenerous, he opposed the second resolution. They would all feel sensible of the more than usual courage that the directors had displayed in asking them to consider such a resolution as that. The directors had received £600 a year for their remuneration, which was a deplorable for conducting the affairs of a company which had never paid a dividend, and in which the shareholders had lost one third of their capital.

Mr. Jourdain also took exception to the directors' proposals, contending that the directors had in the past received sufficient remuneration from the company.

After further discussion the resolutions were put to the meeting, but on a show of hands were not carried by the requisite majority. A poll was taken, and resulted in their being carried by 2,215 votes to 3,715.

THE MODEL HOTEL.

According to the View of Mme. Yvette Guilbert.

Mme. Yvette Guilbert, who is a great traveller, has just addressed an admonitory discourse to hotel keepers in general.

"What the public want," she says, "are well-lighted and ventilated rooms, distempered throughout; everything—both on the wall and floors—must be washable."

"Eiderdown quilts," she continues, "inspire in us a feeling we should have if confronted by some horrid wall beast. Our first care is to kick them under the bed, to get rid of the unpleasant sight as soon as possible."

"Another thing—give us plenty of water, as much water as if it were raining, because nowadays we have contracted the silly habit of washing ourselves. Also, in the smallest village a windmill will pump up water, so that you can have a bathroom on every floor. When that blessed day comes no longer will the servant be able to reply, as one did to me once, when I asked for a footbath: 'I am sorry, madam, the footbath is being used.'"

"Daily News."

"I'VE SHOT MY HUSBAND."

Woman's Dramatic Declaration at Peckham Police Station.

Walking into Peckham Police Station Mrs. Elizabeth Florence Pettifer produced a revolver and declared that she had killed her husband, Frederick Pettifer, aged 38, a bus driver, living at Moncrieff-street, Rye-lane, Peckham. The police subsequently found the man dead in the house.

Later in the morning the woman appeared at Lambeth Police Court charged with murder. She wore a man's cap, and cried quietly while the evidence was being taken.

HEADLINE ENGLISH.

A Word About American Newspapers.

Whether the headlines of one's morning paper are matter for laughter or tears is largely a question of the reader's temperament, says a correspondent of the New York "Evening Post." As in the case of Atticus, there is often ground enough for both—especially on the part of those who are interested in the potent influences at work upon our speech. For in its striving for certain praiseworthy ends—brevity, conciseness, tellingsness of phrase—the newspaper headline occasionally plays fantastic tricks before high heaven. I subjoin a new sample, clipped from the representative newspapers of one of our largest cities. And I hasten to add, in order to forestall an amply warranted scepticism, that the originals are all in my possession.

The first batch offers exercises in incantation. "Woman Fires Self Lighting Pipe" leaves one in some suspense as to what was really fired, but the statement is lucid in comparison with another from the same paper: "To Pen for Killing Over One Cent." The paragraph thus headed contains an account of a sentence to the penitentiary imposed upon one Stanley Wescowski for the killing of Frank Mantowski in a dispute over the possession of one cent. Through the labyrinth of the following (there is a clue) one may wander at will:

"Judge Orders Man Suing Wife Said She Saw in Hall Brought In." "Men Nearly Blind Suffer Girl Favors" does blunder round about a meaning, but the purport of the next remains greatly dark:

"Sees No House How Harm; Myor Says Body Has No Important Legislation Control Split Delay." "Light Clerks Macbeth Supes" is the terse summary of a paragraph recounting how the clerks of a certain light and power company were employed as supernumeraries in a performance of "Macbeth."

And a momentary look of surprise has its compensating pleasure as the following grows upon one: "Large Plymouth Rock Hen Lays Toy Egg on Drop in Market Price"—a triumph probably of the same artist who had previously written: "Ex-Bankers' Head is Dead." The mysterious caption, "Raps Tear-Making Rites," heads an account of a clergyman's statement that "the old idea of having the funeral an intentionally tear-producing affair was out of date," while "Grips Convict Toil Poser" is headline English for "tackles the problem of convict labour."

Moreover, to the headline is due a rapid enrichment of our vocabulary. It has long been a matter of course that all legislators should be "Solons," all aldermen "city fathers," all detectives "sleuths," and all aviators "bird men." But it is with a wild surmise that one greets, "Crop Sage Who Advises Buy Direct from Farm," until one sees below the line the features of Secretary Wilson, and learns that the "Crop Sage" (sic). A few days later the same paper offers the following: "Biscuit Baron Finds South Outstrips North in Progress." The Biscuit Baron turns out to be "the millionaire President of the National Biscuit Company."

"Defends Alien-Getters" calls attention to the defence of a certain State Board of Immigration. But it is in a rival paper that the following gem appears: "Angry at Being Shot Shoots Beats Shooter." It may be added that the headline (observed last week): "Gun Thought Empty Discharges, Striking Gamebearer in Van," is not designed to convey anatomical information, but merely to state the fact that the "shooter" was walking ahead of the "shooter."

The headlines, too, are magnificently Elizabethan in the freedom with which any part of speech is made to do duty for any other. "Helo, Due to River Death," "Put Baron Canteen Father," "Eyesore Fats in Doubt," "Cities Jap Christ Hated," "Two Die of Stair Falls," "Woman Steals as Sleuth Step," "Mr.—to Travel-Talk," "To Honeymoon in South Africa," "Crawls Snow to Schools," "Races Continent with Death."

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Inspector Whiston described the scene at the police station when the prisoner rushed in with the revolver and shouted excitedly several times: "I have shot my husband, 40, Moncrieff-street."

One of the cartridges in the weapon had been fired.

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MARKET PRICES.

Hongkong, April 3, 1913.

BUTCHER MEAT.

	Ota.
Beef Sirloin & Prime Cut,—Mei Lung Pa	lb. 18
" Corned,—Ham Ngau Yuk	" 18
" Roast,—Shiu	" 18
" Breast,—Nagu Lam	" 12
" Soup,—Tong Yuk	" 15
" Steak,—Ngau Yuk Pa	" 18
" do.—Sirloin Cotom—Ngan Lau	" 20
" Sausages,—Ngau Chung	" 20
Bullock's Brains—, Know	per set 9
" Tongue fresh,—Nga Li	each 45
" corned,—Ham Ngau Li	" 55
" Head,—Ngau Tan	" 60
" Heart,—Ngau Sum	" 12
" Hump, Salt,—Ngau Kin	" 15
" Feet,—Ngau Kask	" 8
" Kidneys,—Ngau Yi	" 9
" Tail,—Ngau Mei	" 18
" Liver,—Ngau Kon	lb. 12
" Tripe (undressed),—Ngau To	" 6
Calf's Head & Feet,—Ngau-chai-tau-kark	set \$1
Mutton Chop,—Yeung Poi Kwat	lb. 25
" Leg,—Yeung Pei	" 25
" Shoulder,—Yeung Shau	" 22
Pigs Chittlings,—Chu Chong	" 24
" Brains,—Chu Know	per set 2
" Feet,—Chu Kark	lb. 12
" Fry,—Chu Chak	" 30
" Head,—Chu Tau	" 13
" Heart,—Chu Sum	each 10
" Kidneys,—Chu Yiu	" 7
" Liver,—Chu Con	lb. 24
Pork Chop,—Chu Pai Kwat	" 23
" Corned,—Ham Chu Yuk	" 25
" Leg,—Chu Pa	" 25
" Fat or Lard,—Chu Yu	" 22
Sheep Head and Feet,—Yeung Tau Kark	set 65
" Heart,—Yeung Sum	each 7
" Kidneys,—Yeung Yiu	" 9
" Liver,—Yeung Con	lb. 25
Sucking Pigs, To Order—Chu Cha	" 22
Suet, Beef,—Sang Ngau Yau	" 18
" Mutton,—Sang Yeung Yau	" 25
" Veal,—Ngau Chai Yuk	" 18
" Sausages,—Ngau Chai Chung	" 26

POULTRY.

	Ota.
Chicken,—Kai Chai	lb. 32
Capon, Large, Small,—Sin Kai	" 30
Ducks,—Ap	" 24
Doves,—Pan Kau	each 24
Eggs, Hen,—Kai Tan	per doz 24
Fowls, Canton,—Kai	lb. 34
" Hainan,—Hoi Nam Kai	" 30
Geese,—Ngi	" 22
Geese, Wild,—Shang-ho Yea Ngai	" 22
Mus Deer,—Wong Keng	each 1
Hare, Shanghai,—Tu Chai	" 70
Partridge,—Che Khoo	" 24
Pheasant,—Shan Kai	pair \$1.50
Pigeons, Canton,—Pak Kap	each 35
" Hoihow,—Hoi How Pak Kap	" 28
Quail,—Um Chuan	" 24
Rice Birds,—Wo Fa Chai	dozen 24
Snipe,—Sa Choy	each 24
Turkeys, Cook,—Phor Kai Kung	lb. 65
" Hen,—Na	" 50
Wild Ducks, Shanghai,—Shang-hoi Sui Ap	\$1.20
" Teal,—Sui Ap Chai	" 75
Wild Ducks Canton,—Sang-Shing Sui Ap	\$1.10

FISH.

	Ota.
Barbel,—Ka Yu	lb. 8
Bream,—Bin Yu	" 15
Canton Fresh Water Fish,—Hoi Sin Yu	" 15
Carp,—Li Yu	" 13
Catfish,—Chik Yu	" 13
Codfish,—Mun Yu	" 15
Crabs,—Hoi	" 18
Cuttle Fish,—Mak Yu	" 18
Dab,—Sa Mang Yu	" 15
Dace,—Wong Mei Lau	" 8
Dog Fish,—Tui Yu	" 8
Eels, Congor,—Hoi Mann	" 15
" Fresh water,—Tan Sin Yu	" 15
Eggs, Yellow,—Wong Sin	" 24
Frogs,—Tien Kai	" 28
Garoupe,—Sok Pan	" 52
Grouper,—Pak Kap Yu	" 12
Herrings,—Tao Pak	" 18
Halibut,—Cheung Kwan Kap	" 28
Labrus,—Wong Yu Yu	" 16
Loach,—Wu Yu	" 24
Lobsters,—Lung Ha	" 20
Macarel,—Chi Yu	" 18
Monk Fish,—Mong Yu	" 28
Mullet,—Chai Yu	" 25
Oysters,—Sang Hoo	" 20
Parrotfish,—Kai Kang Yu	" 16
Perch,—Tau Loo	" 15
Pike,—Ya Paw Pong	" 8
Plaice,—Pan Yu	" 18
Pomfret,—Black,—Hak Chong	" 20
Pomfret,—White,—Pak Chong	" 28
Prawns,—Ming Ha	" 48
Ray,—Pai Pa Sa	" 8
Rock Fish,—Sok Ka Kung	" 14
Shark,—Chan Yu	" 10

肉食

Salmon,—Ma Yan Y	lb. 20
Shark,—Sa Yu	" 9
Skate,—Po Yu	" 10
Shrimps,—Ha	" 22
Snapper,—Lap Yu	" 18
Soles,—Tat Sa Yu	" 16
Tench,—Wan Yu	" 18
Turbot,—Cho How Yu	" 18
Turtles, small, fresh water,—Kork Yu	" 56
White Bait,—Ngau Yu Chai	" 11

FRUITS.

	Ota.
Almonds,—Hung Yau	lb. 23
Apples (California)—Kam San Ping Kho	" 30
" (Chefoo)—Tin Chun Ping Kho	" 30
" Small,—Hoi Tong	" 1
" Custard,—Fan Lai Chi	each 1
Bananas, fragrant, Canton,—San Shing Heung Chiu	lb. 4
" (brides), Macao,—San Heung Chiu	" 3
Chestnuts, Chinese,—Foong Lut	" 15
Carambola,—Yeung Tse	" 12
Cocanuts,—Yeh Tse	each 12
Lemons, China,—Ning Moong	lb. 8
" America,—Kum San Ning Moon	" 8
Lichees Dried,—Lai Chi, small Stone	" 30
" Fresh	" 12
Limes, (Sai Gon)—Sai Kung Ning Moong	each 1
Mango, Manila,—Lai Sung Mong	" 20
Mangosteens,—San Chuk Tso	doz 1
Oranges, (Canton)—San-shing Tim Ching	lb. 10
" Sweet	" 12
Pears, (American)—Kam San Shoot Lay	" 12
" (Canton), Cooking,—Sa Lay	" 12
Peanuts,—Fa Sang	" 10
Persimmons Large,—Hung Chia	" 1
Pine-apples, 1st quality,—Poon Ti Paw Law	each 10
" 2nd —, Chung-tang Paw Law	" 8
Plantain,—Tai Chou	lb. 1
Plums,—Swatow, Hung Lai	" 12
Pumelo, Siam,—Chim Lo Yau	each 12
" Shanghai,—Lo Kwat	" 12
Walnuts,—Hop Tuo	lb. 13
" Green,—Sang Hop Tuo	" 1
Water Melon,—(Am.) Kom San Sai Kwa	each 14
" (China) Sai Kwa	" 1
Grapes,—Sang Po Tai Tso	lb. 30

VEGETABLES, &c.

Artichokes, Shanghai,—Sheung-hoi Ah Chi	lb. 8
Beans, (French), Macao,—Oh Moou Pin Tan	" 10
" (French) Shanghai,—Sheung Hai Pin	" 10
" Sprout,—Ah Cho	" 6
" Long,—Tau Ko	" 6
Beet Root,—Hung Chai Tau	each 5
Brinjals, Green,—Ching Yuen	" 6
" Red,—Hung Ker	" 6
Cabbage, Chinese, com,—Kai Choy	" 10
Cabbage Red,—Hung Yeh Choy	" 12
Cabbage, Shanghai,—Yeh Chai	" 12
Cane Shoots, bunch,—Kau Shun	lb. 1
Cauliflower, Large size,—Tai Yeh Cho Fa	each 18
" Medium size,—Cheung Yeh Cho Fa	" 12
" Small size,—Sai Yen Chai Fa	" 10
Carrots,—Kam Shun	lb. 6
Celery, Chinese,—Tong Kan Chai	" 8
" English,—Yeung Kan Chai	" 6
Chillies Dried,—Gon Lai Chiu	" 25
" Red,—Hung Far Chiu	" 18
" Green,—Ching Lai Chiu	" 10
Curry Stuff, English,—Kar Lee Chai Liu	" 10
Cucumbers,—Ching Kwa	" 10
Bitter Squash,—Fu Kwa	" 18
Garlic,—Que Tau	" 8
Ginger, young,—Sun Tse Keung	" 5
" old,—Lo Keung	" 8
Horse Radish, Shanghai,—Lik Kan	" 15
Indian Corn,—Suk Mai	each 5
Lettuce,—Yeung Sang Chai	" 15
Water Cress,—Ma Tai	lb. 5
" Mandarin,—Kwai Lum Ma Tai	" 8
Mushrooms, Fresh,—Sang Cho Koo	" 12
Musk Melon, Amer.—Kam-san Hong Kwa	each 12
Okra,—Kam	" 10
Onions Bombay,—Yeung Chong Tau	" 8
" Green,—Sang Chong	" 6
" Shanghai,—Shang-hoi Chong Tau	" 6
Papaya, 1st qual.—Tai Man Sau Kwa	each 12
" 2nd —, Chung	" 10
Parsley,—Kun Cho	" 8
Green Peas,—Ching Tau	lb. 8
Potatoes, Sweet,—Fan Shu	" 12
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" Japan,—Yut Poon Shu Tsai	" 3
" American,—Fa Ki Shu Tsai	" 10
" Foochow,—Fpo-chow Shu Tsai	" 3
Pumpkin,—Tong Kwa	" 3
Radish,—Hung Lo Pak Tsai	" 4
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Sage,—Tse So	" 1
Shallots,—Gon Chung Tau	" 8
Spinach,—Yin Chai	" 4
Tomatoes,—Fan Ker	" 6
" Taro,—Wu Tau	" 5
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Vegetable Marrow,—Chit Kwa	" 8
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THE GROWTH IN ARMAMENTS.

It is a strange commentary on modern civilisation and something in the nature of a striking anomaly that while the people of practically all nations desire peace and concord above all else, there never was a time in history when the race in armaments was more feverishly maintained than at the present. The leading statesmen of every European country loudly proclaim the peaceful intentions of each; the Governments of all pile up the burden of naval and military expenditure till the people groan beneath the load. Spoken word and actual deed may appear diametrically opposed, but the seeming paradox straightens itself out if we reflect that the general policy of all is based on the argument that "the strong man well armed keepeth his house in peace." This is a sound theory, but its potency does not appeal to the Socialists with their idle dreams of universal arbitration and disarmament. So it is only in accord with expectations to read that the French and German Socialist Deputies have recently issued a joint manifesto protesting "unanimously and with one voice against the armaments which exist among nations" and which, they argue, will lead to a universal catastrophe and result in the misery and destruction of the masses.

Though the necessity for the greatly enhanced expenditure now being incurred by the Armies and Navies of the world might easily be proved, there can be no denying the fact that the pinch is being felt all round. Let us take the case of Germany. The initial expense of the new military programme is no less than 50 millions sterling, while to this will have to be added very shortly a further sum of 12 millions. To meet this enormous expenditure the Government is resorting to a form of taxation hitherto confined in most countries exclusively to sudden emergencies, such as an outbreak of war or its imminence. Capital is being heavily taxed, and for the first time in the nation's history, members of the reigning houses are surrendering their constitutional freedom from taxation. Landowners and those who possess large fortunes will not be gravely affected; it is said, by the new taxes, which will be felt most grievously by those people who, after years of saving, have scraped together a small capital, sufficient for them to live in the smallest possible way in the evening of their lives.

It is a heavy burden which the German people have been called upon to bear, and one which appears to press heavily on those of small means. As the years go by, too, there will be fresh impositions on behalf of both the Army and Navy; so that the lot of the Kaiser's people looks none too happy. Other nations have their burdens too, not forgetting Great Britain. But we believe with Mr. Churchill that of all countries, Britain is best able to bear the strain,

University Men and Business.

Some clever and pointed remarks were made at the recent dinner of the Sphinx Club by the Master of Christ's College, Cambridge, and by the Headmaster of Eton, on the subject of "The Universityman in Business." Both speakers offered statistics tending to prove that the Oxford or Cambridge man is highly successful when he turns his hand to commerce; but, as the world knows to its cost, the main effect of statistics is to mislead. Broadly speaking, the English universityman should do well at any pursuit to which he gives himself wholeheartedly. For, during three or four of the most impressionable years of his life, he has been (unless he is a hermit) continually rubbing shoulders with better men than himself. And, independently of the mere question of book knowledge, he has received the training, socially and in the sports field, perhaps best calculated to develop in him a self-restraint and a knowledge of character which will give him an enormous advantage in whatever career he may enter upon.

Heredit and Tradition.

Yet who is there of us that cannot point to half a dozen Oxford or Cambridge men who have tried commerce and have failed dismally? The explanation is two fold. The boy who has inherited a keen eye to the main chance, whose buying and selling are concerned, will—other things being equal—become a successful business man, whether educated at Oxford or in the workhouse. If he have no natural aptitude to finance, a university education will be the last thing in the world to develop it in him. In the second place, there is much in the business world to which public school and 'varsity tradition is deadly opposed. Of course it is possible for a financier to be perfectly clean-handed and upright in all his dealings; but a large number of financiers are not so; and their readiness to take advantage of the weakness or folly of a rival very soon 'sickens and disgusts the youngster who has been taught that honour and chivalry, and generosity towards an enemy or a rival, are of more value than commercial achievement. So that if the 'varsityman turns out a successful business man, we may take it that "it was in him."

A "Housekeepers' League."

All the world is watching with interest the revision of the tariff by the new Democratic Government of the United States, and it will be illuminative to see how far the proposed 50 per cent. reduction will eventually affect the cost of living in America. It has to be borne in mind, however, that it is not the Tariff alone which reflects its influence on the cost of living. Speculation in food is a most potent factor. Of this we noted a striking illustration the other day, brought to light by the activities of a newly-started "Housekeepers' League." Eggs were dear in Philadelphia, owing to the fact that 85 per cent. of the Philadelphia grocers were controlled by "chain stores" which were allied with speculators in eggs. Some 700 million eggs were held in storage, and these were doled out to the inhabitants, while millions went rotten because their distribution would have been inopportune. It was then that the Housekeepers' League took matters into its hands, went into business on its own account, and, in less than a fortnight, the price of eggs all over the city was less than half what it had been.

A Falling-Off.

Only three horses completed the course in the Grand National, and that fact is worth a little attention. The odds are five to one against a horse getting the course, it is true, but the failure of nineteen out of twenty-two starters to finish seems to point to the fact that our jumpers are going off. Two years ago Mr. Bibby's Glenside was the only horse which went over the course without falling, and, if matters were a little better last year, there is no escaping the fact that British steeplechasers are falling off. Only recently our crack jumper, Jerry M., had to be content with third place to two French horses in the big French steeplechase, and it would seem that the sale of the best of British bloodstock to owners on the Continent is having its effect.

LIVE UP TO THE BEST THAT IS IN YOU.

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The Mails.

American Mail.—Despatched per s.s. Nippon Maru at 5 p.m. on Saturday.
Canadian Mail.—Despatched per s.s. Empress of India at 6 p.m. on Saturday.
Siberian Mail.—Despatched per s.s. Empress of India at 6 p.m. on Saturday.
Siberian Mail.—Arrived per s.s. Chihua yesterday.
Siberian Mail.—Closes per s.s. Amazona at 5 p.m. to-day.
French Mail.—Closes per s.s. Atlantique at 11 a.m. to-morrow.
American Mail.—Closes per s.s. Tenyo Maru at 11 a.m. to-morrow.
Siberian Mail.—Closes per s.s. Tenyo Maru at 11 a.m. to-morrow.
Australian Mail.—Arrived per s.s. Eastern this morning.
French Mail.—Arrived per s.s. Amazona this morning.

Jockey Club Meeting.
The half-yearly meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club is to be held on the 19th inst.

Arrived.
The Rev. Archdeacon and Mrs. Walker arrived yesterday by the Haiyang from Swatow.

Man Injured.

A man has been sent to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from a fractured forearm caused by a chair falling on him from the second floor of 20 Eldon Street.

The Three Card Trick.

A Chinese who was arrested whilst playing the three card trick at Hung Hom, was fined \$5 or in default fourteen days, by Mr. Hazeland, at the Police Court, this morning.

Stolen Copper.

A Chinese, arrested whilst leaving the Naval Yard in possession of 1½ lbs of copper wire, was sentenced to fourteen days' imprisonment and four hours' stocks, at the Police Court, this morning.

Small Fire.

A small fire broke out at 53 Bonham Strand yesterday at a medicine shop. The fire is supposed to have been caused by some of the dry medicines catching fire. Damage to the extent of \$120 was done.

Indo-China S. N. Co.

It is notified by the general managers that a 6 per cent. dividend to preference shareholders in the above Company having been declared, the transfer books of the Company will be closed as from the 7th to the 15th inst., both days inclusive.

A Gambling House.

Sergeant Gerrard charged eleven men before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning, with being concerned in a gambling house at Wanchai. The keeper was fined \$100 or in default two months, and the remainder fined \$2 each.

Library and Museum.

Following is the return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending 5th April, 1913:—

Library.	Museum.
609 Non-Chinese.	181 Non-Chinese
227 Chinese.	3,215 Chinese
736	3,376

Bandmann Opera Company.

The Bandmann Opera Company will not be able to play in Hongkong on Thursday next. They are leaving by the Dvanyah which is sailing on that day. Their farewell performance will therefore be given on Wednesday night when "Autumn Manoeuvres" will be repeated. This piece has proved uncommonly successful and is to be repeated by special request.

For Goods Sold.

This morning, in the Summary Court, before the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Kemp, the Wa San Co. 44 Wing On St. sued the Hing Kee, and the managing partner, Wong Sai Chin, 138 Hollywood Rd. to recover the sum of \$702.07, being the amount due from the defendant to the plaintiff for goods sold and delivered. Mr. Crowther Smith appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. F. Mason, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist for the defendants. Judgment given for the plaintiff with costs.

THE CLOCK TOWER.

Some Interesting Historical Facts.

[SPECIAL ARTICLE.]

Nobody likes saying farewell to an old friend. That is why most of us felt a tinge of regret when we read that the old Clock Tower was doomed. There is general agreement that the old landmark has had its day and that it ought no longer to cumber the ground. But, all the same, we shall watch with mixed feelings its demolition. In its day it has done good service to Hongkong. For over fifty years it has stood in the place it now occupies; now it has perforce to bow to the "Too Old at Fifty" dictum.

Outstayed its Welcome.

Numerous arguments can be adduced to show that the Clock Tower has outstayed its welcome. First and foremost, of course, is the fact that, in its present location, it is a big obstruction to traffic. Here it must be remembered that when it was erected, Queen's Road was on the sea-front, and the thoroughfare was not then that centre of congested traffic which it has since become. The big reclamation scheme, of course, brought about the change. This was unforeseen; so instead of occupying a prominent position on the expansive Praya, the Tower has been thrust into the very centre of the busiest part of the Colony, at the junction of two main thoroughfares—altogether out of place, in the way of everybody and everything, and performing no necessary function. On the sea-front it was of some use to shipping folk as a landmark; buried away where it now is, it has even lost this value. At one time it might have been possible to consult the clock without the danger of dislocating one's neck; nowadays this is next to impossible, save from Pedder Street. Even from this point the clock-face is generally hidden by the adjacent trees.

Its Origin.

Having said so much, it will be of interest to dig back a little into the history of the doomed Clock Tower. It is not generally known that the Tower as it stands at present represents only part of a scheme of beautifying the city which its sponsors had in view. The original proposal was to erect a clock tower with town clock and fire bell, the tower to be connected with a drinking fountain and arrangements to be also made for the dropping of a time-ball. At the suggestion of Mr. J. Dent, a public meeting to consider the project was held on July 28th, 1860, and a committee, consisting of Messrs. J. Brodersen, J. H. Beckwith, D. Lapraik, G. Lyall and C. St. G. Cleverly, was appointed to collect subscriptions from the public. At first money flowed in generously, but, according to Dr. Eitel's well-known History of Hongkong, delay in the execution of the scheme caused the enthusiasm to cool down. The result was that subscriptions stopped, the decorative features of the original pretty design had to be abandoned, and hence came into being an ugly tower obstructing the main thoroughfare. But a tower without a clock was not of much use, and we read that Mr. D. Lapraik came generously to the rescue of the Committee and provided, at his own cost, the town clock, which sounded for the first time on New Year's Eve, 1862, ushering in the year 1863. Mr. J. Dent also stepped in and erected, apart from the clock tower, a drinking fountain, which now graces the front of the City Hall. The dropping of a time-ball had to be postponed for several years later, and was then instituted in Kowloon.

Such is a brief outline of the origin of our old friend the Clock Tower, whose maintenance was taken over by the Government on May 22nd, 1863, and which, so soon after its fiftieth birthday, is to be raised to the ground. In its day it has registered many eventful hours. Its labours are almost ended. It has to go. But we shall feel a little sad when it sounds its last chimes.

Died on the Voyage.

On the voyage from Canton to Hongkong, a man died on board the s.s. Hot Ming on Saturday. Death was due to natural causes.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[The opinions expressed by our correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph"]

PROTECTING THE WEST RIVER TRADE.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—In the letter which you kindly published on Friday, I offered what I conceived to be a practical as well as practicable suggestion to minimise the occurrence of piracies on board the numerous steamers trading on the Canton River. To-day another feature of the River trade is urged upon the attention of the public and the Government from whom much can be expected in the way of preventive measures.

It is matter of common knowledge that, apart from the ordinary costly merchandise carried in foreign bottoms, silk and bullion constitute far and away the most important as well as the most valuable cargoes carried from and to Canton and Hongkong. Silk may be eliminated for the purpose of present consideration, as it is cargo originating from Canton. It is with bar silver that we should be principally concerned for the present.

Large as has been the shipment of the white metal to the Southern Capital in pre-Revolution days, latterly the demand for silver in Canton has shown a steady tendency to grow. The re-opening of the Mint to the coinage of subsidiary tokens for currency requirements in the Kwangtung Province has created a still further legitimate demand which promises to increase considerably as the depreciated Government notes become superseded and the tokens of the old regime demonetised. The consequence is that the steady flow of bar silver to Canton has been proceeding apace from Hongkong—an inflow that, for the reasons above stated, will continue to gather volume as trade demands in the Two Kwang Provinces overtake the supply.

Recent instances have been known of single shipments of as much as \$300,000 to \$400,000 of silver bullion being made to Canton from this port. On one occasion as much even as half a million dollars has been carried in the treasure room of one of the steamers of a leading line. Over this valuable cargo is placed an armed Oriental sentry (who possesses not even the merit of picturesque) whom not much physical force is required to overpower in the event of a concerted attack upon the members of the crew.

At the excellent shipping administration, perfected through a long series of years of experience of the traffic, none can cavil. It is equally true that strenuous competition has brought freight to that "irreducible minimum" which involves the management in enormous risks with very inadequate compensation. There is no evidence that this relentless freight war will be abated. It is, therefore, unreasonable that much more can be expected of the River Steamer Companies by way of any extra precautionary measures entailing increased expenditure on their part. Yet the temptation to which their property and the lives of their officers are exposed does really invite the cupidity of gangs that batten on the helplessness of Europeans none less than the defencelessness of their nationals who travel for business or pleasure between Hongkong and the Canton Delta.

It is certainly not surpassing the wit of the Colonial Legislature to devise measures having for their object the more adequate protection of the river travelling public, and to the recognised resourcefulness of the new Members of Council, seconded by their unofficial colleagues, might not an appeal be reasonably made on behalf of the seafaring community upon whom Hongkong is so largely dependent for its prosperity?

Yours faithfully,
J. P. BRAGA.
Hongkong, 5th April, 1913.

MANNING THE MERCANTILE MARINE.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—I see that the Associated Chambers of Commerce are organizing a deputation to wait upon the President of the Board of Trade on the subject of the supply of Officers and Seamen for manning the mercantile marine. I rather think that the President of the Board of Trade is by now fully aware of the fact that any defects in the manning of the mercantile marine are entirely due to the fact that shipowners have not made a seafarer's life worth living.

Officers and men are badly paid, over-worked—in the case of Officers with not an extra halfpenny by way of compensation—and have to put up with the greatest discomforts. I need not mention the risks and perils inseparable from their calling, as these they are always prepared to face like men.

All this talk about the institution of further sea-going training ships is simply a means of flooding the service with Officers and men, when wages will go down again to the very lowest rates.

It is a notable feature that the conditions are worst in the ships belonging to those who are professedly so zealous in starting these training ships and are so convinced of their necessity. As the situation at present stands, the great majority of the youths who are taken on by steamship owners as apprentices are simply excellent substitutes for able seamen, for most of their work consists of clearing out holds, chipping iron rust, attending winches, shovelling coals, and such like labourer's work. All this anxiety about the future supply of Officers is not genuine. It is bunkum. There is at present a great overplus of officers—which is accountable for the lack of consideration which they receive. As an ounce of fact is worth a ton of talk I should like to inform you that now at the very height of shipping prosperity, the Guild alone have from four to five hundred fully qualified and capable Captains and Officers out of employment.

I trust that the President of the Board of Trade will take this well to heart, and pause before taking any steps as desired by the shipowners which would make such a very regrettable position even worse.

Yours faithfully,
T. W. MOORE.
Secretary, Imperial Merchant Service Guild.
March 15, 1913.

SANITARY BOARD.

Following are orders of the day for the meeting of the Sanitary Board to-morrow:

1. Letter from Government relative to the erection of one water closet, one trough closet and two urinals at No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Marine Ld. No. 103, Section A and to the alteration of the position of three other closets.

2. Correspondence relative to removing the public latrine at the junction of Bridges' Street and Tank Lane, west of Inland Lot 1422 to the bank at Blake Gardens behind Nos. 12 and 14 Tai Ping Shun Street.

3. Correspondence relative to the application for permission to erect one urinal at the Peak Club, Rural Building Lot No. 62, Pinnett's Road.

5. Letter from Government relative to the erection of a trough closet at Alexandra Buildings, Marine Ld. Nos. 7 and 2c.

6. Report by the Government Analyst on the public water supplies for the month of March, 1913.

7. Result of the examinations made under "The Sale of Food and Drugs Ordinance, 1893," for the quarter ended 31st March, 1913.

8. List of legal proceedings taken by this Department against persons for breaches of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinances, 1903-1911 for the months of February and March, 1913.

9. Mortality return from Macao for the weeks ending 17th and 24th March, 1913.

10. Mortality return for the week ending 15th March 1913.

11. Limeswasting return for the fortnight ending 18th March, 1913.

12. Rat return for the weeks ending 22nd and 29th March 1913.

THE BANK NOTE CASE.

The Mysterious Voice Behind the Screen.

The bank note case was continued this morning, before the Chief Justice, Sir William Ross Davies, at the Supreme Court.

The persons charged are Buicha Furukawa, Shikakehi Ito, Keiko Nagao, Kiyoto Nishiyama, Fukugo Sano, K. Kakazawa, and Takao Tanabe, alias Ryno Tanabe, and they were charged that, on June 20, 1912, and on divers dates up to December 23, they did conspire to obtain and acquire for persons, who would be induced to purchase or accept certain false and forged current money notes, for \$5 each, purporting to be issued by the military government of Kwangtung, representing large sums of money.

Prisoners pleaded not guilty.

The following comprise the special jury:—Messrs. Alexander McKenzie (foreman), Ellis Kadorio, M. S. Sassoon, E. H. Thiel, W. S. Brown, S. H. Dodwell and T. F. Hough.

Mr. E. H. Sharpe K.O., Mr. and Mrs. W. Shide K.C., with whom was Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. Bowley, of Messrs Denny and Bowley, appeared for the prosecution; Mr. C. G. Alabaster, instructed by Mr. Reader Harris, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, for the first two defendants, and Mr. F. O. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. J. H. Gardiner for the rest.

The Mysterious Voice.

The last prisoner was in the box this morning and was asked by Mr. Sharp why he threw the bank notes into the harbour. He replied that he heard a voice behind a screen at the Nomura Hotel, telling him to do so.

Mr. Sharp:—Whose voice was it?—I don't know.

Did this mysterious voice suggest to you that you should call these notes cinematograph films?—No (laughter).

Witness continued that the first prisoner was introduced to help to raise the capital, and also because he was a friend of some of the police officials. He did not expect to get \$50,000 for introducing No. 1.

Mr. Sharp:—But didn't you think it was a very large amount that they should offer you?—I did think it was a large amount.

Have you ever had such a commission as this before in your life?—No; never.

Have you ever had so much in your life before?—No.

What did you undertake to give the first prisoner the sum of \$135,000 for?—I don't know.

Witness said he did not tell Ushiyoda, that Furukawa was to receive \$135,000 to distribute among the police officials.

Intent to Defraud.

Mr. Sharp, addressing his Lordship, said that, with regard to the offence which the Crown had to establish, come misconception of the law had arisen there. The offence was the agreement between the conspirators to cheat and defraud by means of the notes. The charge was not technical; it would have been an offence without the manufacture of a single note, if there were enough evidence to show that they were going to do it, or if the police had been fortunate enough to interfere before any note had been printed.

The Chief Justice:—The whole thing is the intent to defraud.

Mr. Sharp:—Intent to defraud. His Lordship:—If the jury are satisfied that they acted together as a whole, or that one or more of the prisoners conspired together with intent to defraud, success is not necessary.

Mr. Sharp told the jury that, in the Japanese agreements, the description of three Chinese conspirators as Chinese officials, was as he put it to them—he was sorry to use the word—a "blind." He could not use any word which more clearly expressed the position which he wished to put before them. These three men Fung, Ohoy and Lam were, in the agreement, clearly described as Chinese officials. That was inserted in the Japanese agreement for the purpose of supporting the pretence of a genuine transaction, to hoodwink the court or anybody calling the transaction into question, either here or in Japan. The description was not to be found in any documents signed by themselves. Fung was a printer in Hongkong, and they had proved

that Ohoy and Lam were not Chinese officials.

Matter of Grave Importance. Dealing with the contention of the defence that the Hongkong government was not concerned in a forgery like that, Mr. Sharp said such a suggestion was untrue. The issue of forged notes in the Colony, especially to the tune of \$1,000,000 was matter of very grave importance to the Colony. The notes would come into the hands of bankers and money-changers and, he dared say, Chinese merchants and Chinaman banks. It was not a matter only concerning the Chinese government; it undoubtedly concerned them, but it was a grave matter for the Colony. He suggested that it was fair to say, from the weakness of their story in the box, that they had fallen to pieces in cross examination. It was never contested that these notes were not false notes.

He two points which he would ask the jury to consider were (1) the participation of each individual prisoner in the conspiracy, and (2) the suggestion of the defence that this was a genuine transaction or that they thought it was a genuine transaction.

TAI ON PIRACY.

Important Arrest in Hongkong Yesterday.

In addition to the pirates reported on Saturday to have been captured, an important arrest of a man was made in Hongkong yesterday.

A man who was searched on arriving by train from the interior yesterday was found in possession of a lady's gold watch and silver chain. The watch bore the name of Miss Dank, the lady passenger on board the s.s. Tai On, when that boat was pirated.

The man, the police say, will be brought before the court to-morrow.

CAREFULLY GUARDED.

Prisoner who Previously Escaped Well Watched in Court.

Wu Kam, alias Wu Kan, alias Lai Chan, who escaped from custody whilst in the hospital, some time ago, was brought before Mr. C. D. Malburne, at the Police Court, this morning, and charged with breaking and entering the residence of Mr. Robert Gardiner McEwen, Beaconsfield Arcade, and stealing property valued at \$34.20. He was further charged with returning from banishment.

Inspector Watt said he would like to withdraw the second charge.

His Worship:—Is this a case of Chinese extradition?

Inspector Watt:—No, it is a Macao extradition.

Defendant:—I was there limowashing the house of the Inspector and he was asleep and I tried to steal his clothing to try and get my passage back to the country.

Inspector Watt:—The Captain Superintendent has asked me to get a date fixed for him to be committed for trial. This man escaped from the Government Civil Hospital and there has been a great deal of trouble over his capture.

His Worship:—Is he supposed to have climbed down from the window with handcuffs on?

Inspector Watt:—Yes, your Worship, and he was captured in Macao. We have had great trouble in getting him back.

His Worship:—I am not quite sure I should take his statement from him.

Inspector Watt:—He has pleaded guilty.

His Worship:—I cannot take the statement now.

Inspector Watt:—It is not necessary at all; we have ample evidence.

His Worship:—I do not think it is fair to him I should take that statement until I have cautioned him that you want him committed for trial. I don't wish to take it from him until he is cautioned.

Inspector Watt:—We don't wish him to make it, your Worship; he can please himself.

The prisoner was remanded until Tuesday the 15th inst. Whilst defendant was before the magistrate he was specially guarded by P. C. Marks,

BANDMANN OPERA COMPANY.

"The Sunshine Girl" To-night.

The was another crowded house at the Theatre Royal on Saturday evening when "The Night Birds" was staged. This proved as successful as its predecessors, and the audience was particularly enthusiastic.

To-night "The Sunshine Girl" is on, and another big success is assured.

Produced in the early part of last year at the Gaiety Theatre, London, by Mr. George Edwardes, "The Sunshine Girl" has attracted crowded houses ever since. It has proved a very popular piece with the London playgoers and the reason is not far to seek. It provides a pleasant evening's entertainment of the lighter denomination. One of the most essential features of a Gaiety plot is that it shall afford scope for the introduction of amusing incidents which may or may not have a direct bearing on the fortunes of the hero and heroine, but as long as the ladies wear pretty frocks, sing and dance to please the ear and eye, and the comedians have freedom for the display of their individual gifts and characteristic form of humour, then all is right as the proverbial marriage bell.

Vernon Blundell has inherited the great soap factory at Port Sunshine from his uncle, but there is a clause inserted in the will—that he must not marry or even become engaged for a space of five years, otherwise the whole concern shall pass to the various heads of the departments on a co-operative basis. Now Vernon has been working as a hand in the firm for some months and has fallen in love with pretty Della Dale, an assistant in the perfumery department. He wants her to love him for himself alone so he arranges with his friend Lord Bicester, known to everyone as "Bingo" to personate him and take upon himself the responsibilities of management.

After some demur "Bingo" agrees to the proposition and trusts to luck that his identity will not be discovered, but he quickly finds himself in a series of complications. He is recognized by his fiancée, also by Floot, an ex-cab driver who once drove him home from a Covent Garden Ball after a night of more than ordinary exhilaration. Floot has arrived at Port Sunshine on his way from Land's End to John of Greats, his intention being to win a £50 prize for accomplishing the walk with the stipulation that he shall neither beg, borrow nor steal. Floot on recognising "Bingo" sees he has a good thing on and to silence him "Bingo" makes him the general manager of the works much to the other workers' disgust. Now Floot has a buried past so to speak. He is married to Brenda Bicester who was "Bingo's" travelling companion on that eventful homecoming from the Covent Garden Ball, and she is also carrying on a flirtation with a longshoreman known as Commodore Parker. By this it can be seen we have a series of complications amongst the comedians which lead to many amusing episodes. It would not be fair to give these away but they provide many hearty laughs.

The scenery and dresses are an exact replica of the London production and have been specially brought out for this tour.

THE HEALTH BILL.

The return showing the number of cases of communicable diseases which have been notified as occurring in the colony during last week, shows that there were four cases of bubonic plague, and four deaths; eight cases of diphtheria (four Portuguese, one Indian, one Philippino, and two British); two cases of enteric fever, and four cases of smallpox, with three deaths.

ARMED ROBBERY.

On the 5th inst. six men entered a house at Tai Shan Village, in the Au Tau district, armed with revolvers and choppers, and, after having tied up the man and woman living there, they stole clothing and other property valued at \$140. Before going away they tied up the door.



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RIFLE SHOOTING.

The Hongkong Police met the Hongkong Volunteers in a shooting match yesterday afternoon and lost by a margin of 72 points. The scores are as under:—

H.K. Police.

	200 Yds.	300 Yds.	400 Yds.	500 Yds.	600 Yds.	Total.
Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse	31	20	28	88		
Sergt. Pitt	26	32	28	86		
Sergt. Davonay	26	25	23	74		
P. C. Wilson	25	25	21	67		
P. C. Grimmett	30	26	25	81		
Inspector O'Sullivan	24	25	20	69		
P. C. O'Garra	22	29	16	67		
						609

H.K. Volunteers.

Corpl. Bradbury	27	27	37	87
Corpl. Chapman	26	20	31	86
Gunner Green	28	33	23	84
Sergt. Sorby	27	28	28	83
Bomb. Anderson	28	22	28	78
Gunner Martin	23	29	24	76
Sergt. Harris	25	27	24	76
Capt. Stewart	22	26	20	68
				636

CROWN LAND SALE.

Inland lots 1046 and 1047 were sold by auction to-day, at the P.W.D. The upset price of the first lot was \$3,000 and sold for the same. The purchaser was Dr. Kew. The second lot was \$24,000 upset price, and was sold for the same, purchaser Mr. Warren.

To-day's Advertisements

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PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
"S.S. PERSIA".
FROM SAN FRANCISCO, JAPAN
PORTS AND MANILA.

The above mentioned vessel having arrived Consignees of cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignatures and take immediate delivery of cargo from Godown. Cargo will be landed immediately at consignees risk on arrival of steamer. Cargo remaining undelivered Thursday April 10th, 1913, at noon will be subject to landing and storage charges. No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

All chafed and otherwise damaged cargo will be examined at the above Company's godown Monday April 14th, 1913, at 10 a.m.

No claims will be entertained unless accompanied by short delivery note or list of exceptions taken at the time of delivery to consignees and signed for and on behalf of the Pacific Mail S.S. Co.

All claims must be filed on or before May 1st 1913, otherwise they will not be recognized.

FRED J. HALTON,
Agent.
Hongkong, 7th April, 1913. [281]

THE HONGKONG SCHOOLS ATHLETIC SPORTS. will be held on the Racecourse on Thursday, April 17th, commencing at 12 noon.

Heats will be run off on Wednesday, April 16th, commencing at 2 p.m.

To-day's Advertisement.

AMERICAN-ASIATIC S.S. CO.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM NEW YORK.
THE Steamship

"CITY OF BARODA." Captain W. Haughton, having arrived from the above Port, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on SATURDAY, 12th inst., at 10 a.m. All claims must be presented within fifteen days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 12th inst. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SEWEN TOMES & CO.
General Agents.
Hongkong, 5th April, 1913. [277]

FROM EUROPE.

THE H.A.L. CHARTERED S.S.

"BOYNE"

Capt. G. F. Da's, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained against Bill-of-Lading countersigned by the Undersigned.

Optional Cargo will be carried on unless notice to the contrary be given to-day.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 11th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 11th inst. at 9.30 a.m.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

This steamer brings on cargo:—

Ex S.S. "Goteborg" from Goteborg.

"Lobos" from Porto.

HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE.

Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1913. [278]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the above Club will be held on SATURDAY, the 19th April 1913, at 12.30 p.m., at the Offices of the Hongkong Jockey Club, on the Ground Floor of the Hongkong Club Annex, Chater Road.

By Order,
T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1913. [279]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO. LTD.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS having declared 6% Dividend on Preference Shares in payment of arrears, notice is hereby given that the Share Transfer Books of the Company will be closed as from 7th April to 15th April both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO. LTD.
General Managers.

Hongkong 7th April, 1913. [280]

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

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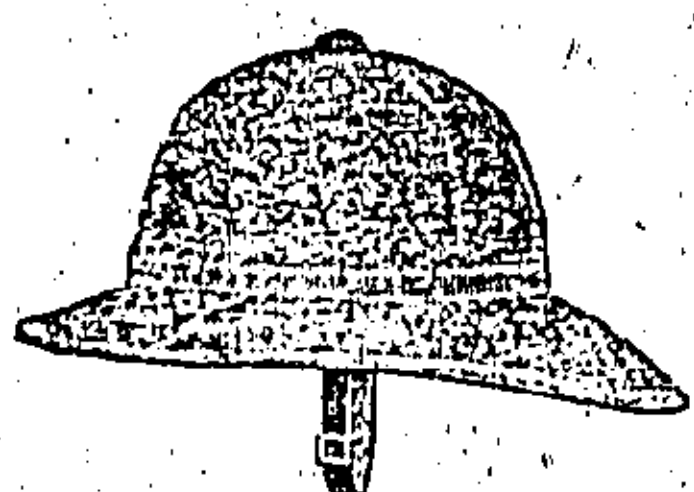
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"E. of Japan" ...	April 26	"E. of Ireland" ...	May 23
"E. of Russia" ...	May 21	"E. of Britain" ...	June 13
"E. of India" ...	June 7	"E. of Ireland" ...	July 4

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(Projected Sailings from Hongkong—Subject to Alteration).

For	Steamship	On
SANDAKAN	MAUSANGI	Tuesday, 8th April, at daylight.
S'PORE, Penang & Calcutta	CHUNSAUNG	Tuesday, 8th Apr., at noon.
SHANGHAI	HANGSANGI	Wednesday 9th April, at noon.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	KUMSANG	Wednesday, 9th April at 2 p.m.
SHANGHAI	KWONGSANG	Thursday, 10th April, at noon.
MANILA	LOONGANG	Saturday, 12th April, 2 p.m.
MANILA	YUENSANG	Saturday, 19th April, at 2 p.m.

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN (Occupying 24 days).
The steamers "Kutsang," "Namsang" and "Fooksang" leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and Japan returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong. Time occupied 20 days. This service is supplemented by the "Lainsang" and "Kumsang" leaving Hongkong at regular intervals for Yokohama, Kobe and Moji and returning thence direct to Hongkong. Time occupied 16 days.
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"SHIRE" LINE SERVICE—HOMEWARDS.

For	Steamers.	Date of Sailing.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	DEN OF GLAMIS	About 3rd May.
LONDON & ANTWERP	FLINTSHIRE	31st July.

NEW TRANS-PACIFIC "SHIRE" and "GLEN" JOINT SERVICE.

VANCOUVER, SEATTLE & PORTLAND	FLINTSHIRE	About 8th April.
TACOMA & PORTLAND	FALLS OF ORCHY	4th May.
VICTORIA, VANCOUVER & SEATTLE	HARPAGUS	10th June.
PORTLAND, TACOMA & SEATTLE	MONMOUTHSHIRE	27th June.

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HONGKONG TO CANTON.	CANTON TO HONGKONG.
MONDAY, 7th APRIL.	
10.00 p.m. "KINSHAN"	5.00 p.m. "FATSHAN."
TUESDAY, 8th APRIL.	
8.00 a.m. "HONGSHAN."	8.00 a.m. "HONAM."
10.00 p.m. "FATSHAN."	5.00 p.m. "KINSHAN."

These steamers, carrying His Majesty's Mails, are the largest and fastest on the River. Special attention is drawn to the Superior Saloon and Cabin. Electric Fan in each Cabin.
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S.S. "HEUNGSHAN" Tons 1651	S.S. "SUI AN" Tons 1651
HONGKONG TO MACAO.	
S.S. "SUI AN" at 8 a.m. from Wing Lok Street Wharf.	
S.S. "HEUNGSHAN" 2 p.m. from Company's Canton Wharf.	
Sunday at 9 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.	

MACAO TO HONGKONG.
Week days at 7.30 a.m. & 2 p.m. Sundays, at 7.30 a.m. & 5 p.m.
EXCURSION TO MACAO
SUNDAY, 13th April.

The Company's Steamship.
"SUI AN."

will depart from the Company's WING LOK STREET WHARF at 9 a.m. and return from Macao at 7 p.m.
N.B.—The Company will also run a steamer from Macao on Sunday morning at 7.30 a.m. and from Hongkong at 12.30 p.m. from the Company's WING LOK STREET WHARF.
This steamer connects with the excursion steamer returning from Macao at 7 p.m.

FARES AS USUAL.

Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the Company.

CANTON-MACAO LINE.
S.S. HOI-SANG, 457 Tons.
Departures from Macao to Canton on Mon., Wednes., & Fri., at 9 p.m.
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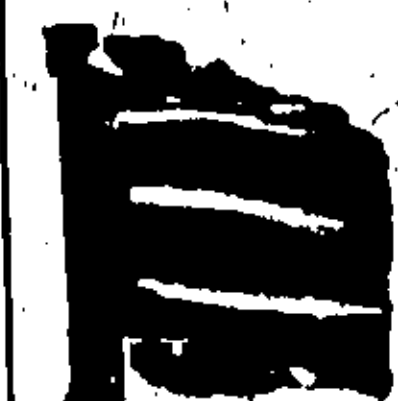
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One of the above steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 8 a.m., and the other leaves Wuchow for Canton on the same days at 8.30 a.m. Round trips take about 5 days. Passengers can return to Hongkong or vice versa by the Company's direct steamers "LINTAN" and "SANUI." These vessels have superior Cabin accommodation and are lighted throughout by electricity. Electric Fan in each Cabin.
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Destination.	Steamers	Sailing Date
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE via Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama & Yama.	SSADO MARU Capt. Asakawa	T. 12,500 { TUESDAY, 8th April at Noon.
N'SAKI, KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA.	NIKKO MARU Capt. Yagi	T. 9,600 { WEDNESDAY 9th April at Noon.
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBÉ.	SANUKI MARU (Capt. Richards)	T. 12,500 { WEDNESDAY, 9th April.
KOBÉ & Y'HAMA.	TANGO MARU Capt. Kawara	T. 12,000 { THURSDAY, 10th April.
	JINSEN MARU Capt. Machida	T. 6,000 { THURSDAY, 24th April.
LONDON & Antwerp via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez & Port Said and Marseilles.	KITANO MARU Capt. E. Cope	T. 16,000 { WEDNESDAY, 9th April, at daylight.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville and Brisbane.	YAMATA MARU Capt. Sekine	T. 7,000 { WEDNESDAY, 9th April, at Noon.
	NABA MARU Capt. Tominaga	T. 12,500 { WEDNESDAY, 7th May, at Noon.
BOMBAY via Singapore and Colombo.	RANGOON MARU Capt. Kamoshita	T. 12,000 { MONDAY, 14th April.

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PASSENGER SEASON FOR 1913.

FOR EUROPE.

Steamer.	Tons displacement.	Leaving H.K.
Kitano Maru	16,000	9th April.
Iyo Maru	12,500	23rd April.
Hirano Maru	16,000	7th May.
Tango Maru	13,500	21st May.

FOR AMERICA.

Yokohama Maru	12,500	22nd April.
Inaba Maru	12,500	6th May.
Shidzuoka Maru	12,500	20th May.
Tamba Maru	12,000	3rd June.

(Subject to change without notice).

T. KUSUMOTO, Manager.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

For	Steamers.	To Sail.
WEIHAIWEI & TIENTSIN.	"HUICHOW"	8th April, at Noon.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO.	"KAIFONG"	8th April, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI.	"CHINHUA"	10th April, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI.	"LINAN"	12th April, at midnight.
HAIPHONG.	"SUNGKIANG"	15th April, at 10 a.m.

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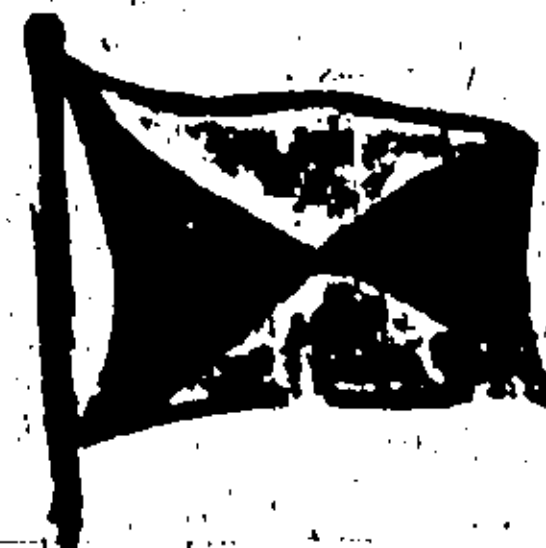
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Steamer	From	Expected on or about	For	Will leave on or about
Tjikini	JAVA	1st half Apr.	JAPAN	1st half Apr.
Tjitaroom	JAPAN	1st half Apr.	JAVA	1st half Apr.
Tjilwong	JAVA	1st half Apr.	JAPAN	1st half Apr.
Tjibodas	JAPAN	2nd half Apr.	SHANGHAI	2nd half Apr.
Tjilatjap	JAVA	2nd half Apr.	JAPAN	2nd half Apr.
Tjimanok	JAPAN	2nd half Apr.	JAVA	2nd half Apr.
Tjimahit	JAVA	1st half May	JAPAN	1st half May
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PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG. (Subject to alteration)

Steamer	Tons	Captain	Date of Sailing
S.S. "Tenyo Maru"	22,000	E. Bent	April 8th Noon.
S.S. "Shinyo Maru"	22,000	H.S. Smith	April 29th
S.S. "Chiyo Maru"	22,000	W.W. Greene	May 27th

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Steamers	Tons	Date of Sailing
Hongkong Maru	11,000	Wednesday June 4, Noon.
Kiyo Maru	17,200	Tuesday, August 5, Noon 1913.

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Steamers	Tons	Starting	Arrive
"Persia"	9,000	Tons Starting	Apr. 15, at 3 p.m.
"Korea"	11,000		Apr. 22, at 1 p.m.
"Siberia"	18,000		May 6, at 1 p.m.
"China"	10,000		May 13, at 3 p.m.

Passengers holding through tickets have the privilege of travelling by train between Kobe and Yokohama, free of charge.

HONGKONG-MANILA SERVICE.

From HONGKONG.	Arrive	Leave	Due
Leave Hongkong.	Manila.	Manila.	Hongkong.
Apr. 15 PERSIA	Apr. 17	Apr. 6 PERSIA	Apr. 8
May 13 CHINA	May 15	Apr. 13 KOREA	Apr. 15
June 3 NILE	June 5	May 11 MANCHURIA	May 13

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LOG BOOK.

Death on the s.s. Tydeus.

The master of the Blue Funnel liner Tydeus, on arrival at Penang from Liverpool, reported the death of Sydney E. Moore, an able seaman of the ship. It appeared that on the 11th inst., Moore was setting the awnings of the ship along with others, in latitude 21.32 North and longitude 38.47 East in the Red Sea, when he accidentally fell overboard. The engines were immediately stopped and the ship turned round, and though every effort was made by lowering a boat and throwing life-belts overboard, to save him, no trace could be found.

The Mitsui Bishi Kaisha Prosecuted.

For some time past, says the "Asahi," the Mitsui Bishi Kaisha, have been engaged in removing stones, which they had previously dumped into the sea near Wada Point, in contravention of the Harbour Regulations. Some few days ago, the Mitsui Bishi Co. informed the Harbour Office that the work had been concluded on the 3rd instant. The Company asked the Harbour Officials to inspect and pass the word, and volunteered the services of their own divers for the purpose. The Harbour Officials, however, engaged their own divers and went to the spot in question to examine the bottom. It was found that part of the bottom had been cleared, but the divers discovered a fresh accumulation of stones, which, it is said, measured 15 by 20 feet in width, was over 120 feet in length and above the surface of the mud, measured anything from 4 feet in height. Taking a serious view of the matter, the Harbour Officials decided to carry out a more exhaustive examination. It was then discovered that further accumulations of boulders in addition to two blocks of concrete, with a 9-foot chain attached, evidently used to sink the concrete, were lying close to the spot. As a result, proceedings were instituted against the Mitsui Bishi on the 13th ult.

Royal Naval Reserve.

In order to meet the increasing requirements of the Fleet, the Board of Admiralty has decided as an exceptional measure that a limited number of Royal Naval Reserve officers between the ages of 22 and 33, shall be considered for entry as officers of the Military Branch on a supplementary list of the Royal Navy. Candidates will be selected from officers of the Royal Reserve who have completed or are undergoing 12 months' training in the Royal Navy; they will be required to undergo a medical examination. Selected candidates will be entered as lieutenants or sub-lieutenants, R.N. Sub-lieutenants will be eligible for promotion to lieutenant after one year's service in the Royal Navy, or from the date on which they would have been eligible for promotion to lieutenant in the Royal Naval Reserve, but they may be appointed as acting lieutenants at any period of their service. In the case of officers who have not fulfilled the service required by the Board of Trade for examination for master, promotion will be subject to their passing an examination to be held by the Board of Trade. Lieutenants on the supplementary list will be eligible for promotion to commander in cases of very exceptional service. The rates of full pay will be the same as for lieutenants, R.N., and sub-lieutenants on the supplementary list will receive a messing allowance of 1s. a day in addition. Half and retired pay and gratuities will be at the rates laid down for existing officers on the supplementary list. The rates of full, half, and retired pay mentioned above are shown in the Quarterly Navy List. Applications for entry on the supplementary list must be forwarded in the usual service manner through the Admiralty Commanding Coast Guard and Reserves.

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